ANNO PRIMO EDVVARDI SEXTI.

¶STATVTES

made in the Parliament be-

gon at westminster the fowerthe daye of Nouember, in the first yeare of the reigne of the moste dreade Soueraine lord EDWARD the VI. By the geace of God, kinge of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendour of the faith, and of the Churche of Englande, and also of Ireland in earthe the supreme hed: and from thence continued to the xxiiii. daye of Decembre then next ensuyng, that is to say in the first Session of the same Parliament, as followeth.

N Acte agaynſt ſuche as ſhall vnreuerentlye ſpeake againſt the Sacrament of the body and bloud of Chryſt, commonly called the Sacrament of the aulter, & for the receiuyng therof in both kindes. Chapitre. i

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An acte against suche persons, as shall vnreuerently speake agaynst the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, commonly called the Sacrament of the Aultare: and for the receiuyng thereof vnder bothe kyndes.

The firste Chapiter.

THE kynges moste excellent Maiestie, myndyng the gouernaunce and ordre of his moste louyng subiectes, to bee in moste perfite vnitie and concorde in all thynges, and in especiall, in the true faith and religyon of God, and wishyng thesame to bee broughte to passe with all clemencie and mercye on his hyghnes parte towardes them, as his moste princely serenitie & Maiestie hath already declared by euident proofe, to thintēt that his moste louyng subiectes, prouoked by clemencie and goodnes of their Prince and kyng, shal studie rather for loue then for feare, to do their dueties, fyrst to almightie God, and then to his highnes and the cōmon wealth, nourishyng concord and loue emong themselfes: yet considereth and perceiueth, that in a multitude all bee not on that sorte, that reason & the knowledge of their dueties can moue them from offence, but many whiche had nede haue some bridle of feare, and that thesame be men moost contencious & arrogant for the moost part, or els moost blynde and ignorannt: By the meanes of whiche sorte of men, many thynges well and Godly instituted, and to the edification of many, be peruerted and abused, and turned to their awn and others great losse and hinderaunce, and sometyme to extreme distruccion: The whyche doth appere in nothynge more or soner then in matters of religion, and in the greate and high mysteries thereof, as in the moste comfortable Sacramēt of the body and blood of our sauiour Iesu Christ, cōmonly called the Sacrament of the aultar, & in scripture the *Supper & ‡Table of the Lorde, the *Cōmunion & ‡Partakyng of the body and blood of Christe: which Sacrament was instituted of no lesse auctho^r then of our sauiour bothe God and man, when at his last supper emongest his Apostles he did take the bread into his holy handes, and did saie: *Take you and eate, This is my body, vvhich is ‡Geuē and *Brokē for you. And taking vp the ‡Chalice or cup, did *Geue thankes & saie, This is my blood of the nevve Testamēt vvhiche is shed for ‡you & for *Many, for the ‡Remissiō of synnes, ℣ *Whēsoeuer we should do thesame, we should do it in the remembraunce of him, and to declare and sette furthe his death and moste glorious Passion vntil his commyng. Of the vvhiche * Bread vvhosoeuer eateth, or of the vvhiche Cup vvhosoeuer drinketh vnvvorthely, eateth & drinketh

*i. Corin. xi.
‡i. Cor. viii.
*i Corin. x.
‡i. Corin x.
*Math. xvi.
‡Luke xxii.
*i. Corin. xi.
‡Math xxvi.
Marke. xiiii.
*Mark. xiiii
‡Luke xxi.
*Mar. xiiii.
‡Math xxvi.
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condēpnacion and iudgement to hymself, makyng nō difference of the lordes body. Thinstitucō of whiche Sacrament, beyng ordeined by Christ, as is beforesaied, and thesaied woordes spoken of it here beforе rehersed, beyng of eternall, infallible, and vndoubted truth: yet the saied Sacrament (all this notwithstandyng) hath been of late, mercuriously abused by suche maner of mē beforе rehersed, who of wickednes, or els of ignorаunce, and want of learnyng, for certain abuses heretofore committed of some, in misusyng therof, haue condempned in their hartes and speche, the whole thyng, and contempteously depraued, despysed, or reuiled thesame moste holy and blessed Sacrament, and not onely disputed and reasoned vnreuerently and vngodly, of that moste high misterу, but also in their sermons, preachynges, readynges, lectures, communicacions, argumentes, talkes, rimes, songes, playes, or gestes, name or call it, by suche vile and vnsemely woordes, as christian eares do abhorre to heare rehersed: For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that whatsoeuer person or persones, from, and after the first daie of May next comyng, shall deprаue, despise, or contempne thesaied moste blessed Sacramēt, in contempt therof, by any contempteous woordes, or by any woordes of deprаuynge, despisyng or reuilyng: or what persone or persones, shall aduisedly, in any otherwyse contempne, despise or reuyle thesayed moste blessed Sacrament, cōtrary to theffectes and declaration aboue saied, that then he, or they shall suffre imprisonment of his, or their bodies, and make fyne and raunsome, at the kynges will and pleasure.

And for full and effectuall execucion of the premisses beforе deuised, ordeined and enacted by this act: be it furthermore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliamēt, that immediatly after the firste daie of May next cōmyng, the Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery shire of this realme, and Wales, and all other places, within the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, aswell to take informacion and accusacion by the othes and depositions, of twoo hable, honest and lefull persones at the least, and after such accusacion or informacio so had, to inquire by the othes of twelue men in euery their foure quarter Sessions yerely to bee holden, of all and synguler suche accusacions or informacions, to bee had, or made of any of the offences aboue saied, to be committed or doen, after thesaied firste daie of May, within the limites of their cōmission: and that vpon euery suche accusacion and informacion, the offender and offenders shalbe inquired of, and indicted, beforе thesayed Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is aforesaid, of thesaied contemptes & offences, by the verdicte of twelue honeste and indifferent men, if the matter of thesaied accusacion and

cion and infozmacion shall seme to thesaied Jury good and true.

And it is also further enacted by the aucthozitie afozesaied, that the saied Justices of peace, oz three of them at the least, as is afozesaied, befoze whom any suche presentment, infozmacion, and accusacion shalbe made oz taken, as is afozesaied shall examine the accusozs, what other witnes were by, and present, at the tyme of doyng and committynge of the offence: wherof the infozmacion, accusacion and presentment shalbe made, and howe many other then the accusozs haue knowledge therof: and shall haue power and aucthozitie by their discrecions, to bynde by recognisaunce to be taken befoze them, aswel thesaied accusozs, as all such other persones, whom thesame accusozs shall deciare to haue knowledge of the offences, by them presented and infozmed, euery of them in.v.l. to the kynge, to appere befoze thesaied Justices of peace, befoze whome, the offendoz oz offendozs, shalbe tried at the daye of triall and deliueraunce of suche offendozs.

And it is further enacted by the aucthozitie afozesaied, that thesayed Justices of peace, oz three of them at the least, as is afozesaied, by vertue of this acte, shall haue full power and aucthozitie, to make processe against euerye persone and persones so indicted, by two Capias and an exigent, and by Capias utlagat', aswell within the limites of their commission, as into all other shires and places of this realme, Wales and other the kynges dominiõs, aswell within the liberties as without, and thesame processe to be good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intetes, constructions and purpoles: And vpon the apparaunce of any of thoffendozs, shall haue full power and aucthozitie, by vertue of this acte, and the cõmission of peace, to determine the contemptes and offences afozesaied, accozdyng to the lawes of this realme, & effectes of this acte: and that thesaied Justices of peace, oz three of them at the least, as is abouesaied, shall haue full power and aucthozitie, to let any suche persone oz persones so indicted, vpo' sufficient suerties by their discrecions, to bayll foz their apparaunce, to bee tried accozdynge to the tenoz, fozme and effecte of this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that thesaied Justices of peace, oz three of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offendoz oz offendozs shalbee, oz stande indicted of any of the cõtemptes oz offences abouesaied, shal direct and award one writt in the kynges name, to the Bishop of the diocesse, wherin thesaied offence oz offences are supposed to be committed oz doen: willing and requiryng thesaied Bishoppe, to bee in his awne persone, oz by his Chauncelour, oz other his sufficient deputie learned, at the quarter Sessions in thesayed countie to be holden, when, and where, thesaied offendoz shalbe arraigned and tried, appoyntyng to them in thesayed writt, the daye and place of thesaied arraignement, whiche writte shalbe of this fozme: Rex, Epõ. L. salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, uel alius deputatus

tuus sufficien. eruditus, sitis cum iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, in com̃ nostro. B. conseruand. assignat: apud. D. tali die, ad sessionem nostrã, ad tunc & ibm̃ tenend. ad dand. consilium & aduisament. eijsdem iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, super arranament. & deliberationem offendenc. contra formã statuti, concernen. sacrosanctum sacramentum altaris.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that no persone or persones, shalbe indicted of anye the contemptes or offences abouesaied, but onely of suche contemptes or offences, as shalbe doen, or perpetrated, within thre monethes, next after thesayed offences, or offence, so committed or doen.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that in all trialles for any suche offendours, before thesaied Justices, as is aforesaied, the persone or persones, being cõplayned on, and arraigned, shalbe admitted to purge and trie, his, or their innocencie, by asmany, or mo witnesses in numbre, and of as good honestie and credence, as the witnesses be, whiche deposed against hym, or theim, or any of them.

And forasmuch as it is more agreable, bothe to the firste institution of thesaied Sacrament of the mooste precious body and blood of oure sauioure Jesus Christe, and also more conformable to the common vse and practise, bothe of the Apostles, and of the primatiue Church; by the space of fiue hundreth yeares and more, after Christes Ascencion, that thesaied blessed Sacramẽt should be ministered to all christian people, vnder bothe the kyndes of breade and wyne, then vnder the forme of breade onelye: and also it is more agreable, to the firste institution of Christe, and to the vsage of the Apostles, and the primatiue Churche, that the people beynge present, should receiue thesame with the priest, then that the priest shoulde receyue it alone: Therfore, be it enacted by our souereigne Lord the Kyng, with the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliamẽt assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaied moste blessed Sacrament, be hereafter commonly deliuered and ministred vnto the people, within this Church of Englande and Irelande, and other the kynges dominions, vnder bothe the kyndes, that is to saie, of bread and wyne, excepte necessitie otherwise require: And also, that the priest, which shal minister thesame, shal, at the least one daye before, exhorte all persones, whiche shalbe present, likewise to resorte, and prepare themselfes, to receiue thesame. And when the daye prefixed commeth, after a Godly exhortacion by the minister made (wherin shalbe further expressed the benefite and comfort promised to them, whiche worthely receyue thesaied holy Sacrament: and daunger and indignacion of God, threatened to theim, whiche shal presume, to receiue thesame vnworthely, to the ende that euery man maye trye and examyne hys awne conscience, before he shal receiue thesame) thesaied minister shal not without a lawful cause, deny thesame to any persone, that wyll deuoutly and humbly desire it,

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any lawe, statute, ordinaūce or custome, contrary therunto, in any wyse notwithstandyng: not condempnyng hereby, the vlage of any Churche out of the kynges maiesties dominions.

¶An acte for the election of Bisshoppes, and what Seales and stile they, and other Spirituall persones, exercisyng Jurisdiction ecclesiasticall, shall vse.

Cap. ii.

FOr asmuche as the Elections of Tharchebisshoppes and Bisshopes, by the Deanes and Chapiters, within the kynges maiesties realmes of Englande and Irelande, at this presente tyme, be aswell to the longe delaye, as to the greate costes and charges of suche persons, as the kynges Maiestie geueth any Archebisshoprliche or bisshoprliche vnto: And where as the saide elections, be in verie dede, no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge desslier, haue coloures, shadowes, or pretenses of elections, seruyng neuertheles to no purpose, and semyng also derogatorie & preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royall, to whome onelie appertaigneth the collacion and gyfte of all Archebisshoprliches, and Bisshoprliches, and Suffragayn bisshoppes, within his highnes saide Realmes of Englande, and Irelande, Wales, & other his Dominions and Marcheis: For a due reformacion hereof, Be it therfore enacted by the kynges highnes, withe thassente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the cōmons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that from henseforthe, no suche Conge desslier be graunted, nor election of anye Archebisshope or Bisshope, by the Deane and chapiter made: but that the kynge maye, by his letters patentes at all tymes, when any Archebisshoprliche, or Bisshoprliche be voyde, conferre the same to anye persone, whome the kynge shall thynke mete. The whiche collation so by the kynges letters patentes made, and deliuered to the person, to whom the kynge shall confer the same Archebisshoprliche or Bisshoprliche, or to hys sufficient proctour and attorneye, shal stande to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, to asmuch and the same effecte, as thoughe Conge desslier had bene geuen, the election duelie made, & thesame confirmed: And that, vpon that the saide person, to whom, thesaide Archebisshoprliche, Bisshoprliche, or Suffragānshippe is so conferred, collated, or geuen maye be consecrated and sue his liuerie or ouer le mayne, and doo other thynges, aswell, as if all the sayde Ceremonies and elections had bene done and made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, That euerye suche person, to whom any collacion or gifte of any Archebisshoprliche, Bisshoprliche or Suffraganshipe shalbe geuē or collated by the kynge, hys heires, or successours, shall paye, doo, and yelde to all and

euery person, all such Fees, interestes, and dueties, as of olde tyme haue bene accustomed to be done: any thynge in this Acte, or in anye other, to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

And where as the Archebisshoppes and Bisshoppes, and other spirituall persons in this Realme, do vse to make and sende out their Sommons, Citations, and other processe in theire awne names, and in suche fourme and maner, as was vsed in the tyme, of the vsurped power of the Bisshoppe of Rome, contrarye to the fourme and order of the Sõmons and processe of the common lawe, vsed in this Realme: Be it enacted that all auctoritie of iurisdiction spirituall and temporal, is derived and deducted from the kynges Maiestie, as supreme head of theis Churches and Realmes of Englande and Irelande, & so willyngly acknowledged by the Clergie of the saide Realmes: And that all courtes Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde twoo Realmes, be kepte by no other power, or auctoritie, either forevne or within the realme, but by ỹ auctoritie of his moste excellente Maiestie: Be it therfore further enacted by the auctoritie afore saide, that all Sommõs and Citations, or other processe ecclesiasticall, in all suites and causes of instaunce, betwixte partie & partie, in all causes of correctiõ, in all causes of bastardye, or bigamie, or enquirie, de iure patronatus, probates of testamentes, and commissions of administration, of persons deceassed, and all acquietaunces, of, & vpon accomptes, made by the executours, administratours, or collectours of gooddes, of anye deade person, be, from the firste daye of Julye nexte folowynge, made in the name, and with the stile of the kynge, as it is in writtes originall, or iudiciall at the cõmon lawe: And that the teste thereof, be in the name of the Archebisshoppe, or Bisshoppe, or other hauynge ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, who hathe the cõmission and graunte of the auctoritie ecclesiasticall ymmediatlie from the kynges highnes, and that his commissarie, officiall, or substitute exercisynge iurisdiction vnder him, shall putte his name in the citation, or processe after the teste.

Furthermore, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all maner of person or persons, who hath the exercise of ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, shall haue, from the firste date of Julye before expressed, in theire seales of office, the kynges highnes armes decentelye sette withe certaine caretes vnder the armes, for the knowledge of the diocesse: And shall vse no other seale of iurisdiction, but wherin his maiesties armes be engrauen, vpon peyne, that if any person shall vse ecclesiasticall iurisdiction (after the date before expressed) in this realme of Englande, Wales, and other his Dominions or territoryes, and not sende, or make out the citation or processe in the kynges name, or vse anye seale of iurisdiction, other then before limited: that euerye suche offendour shall incurre, and runne in the kynges maiesties displeasure, and indignation, and suffer imprisonnemente at his highnes wille and pleasure.

Prouided allwayes, that no more, nor other Fees, be taken, or payed for the

for the seale and writyng of any Citacions, or other processe, then was heretofore accustomed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that the Archebishop of Canturbury, for the tyme beyng, shall vse his awne seale, and in his awne name, in all faculties and dispensacions accordyng to the tenor of an act therof made: and that thesaid Archebishoppes and bishoppes, shal make, admit, ordre, and reforme, their Chauncellours, Officialles, Commissaries, Aduocates, Proctours, and other their officers, ministers, and substitutes, and commissions to Suffragain bishoppes, in their awne names, vnder their awne seales, in suche maner and forme, as thei haue heretofore vsed: and shall certifie to the Courte of tenthes, their certificates, vnder their awne names, and seales, as heretofore thei haue vsed, and accordyng to the statute in that case made and prouided: and likewise shall make collacions, presentacions, gyftes, institucions, and inductions of benefices, letters of orders, or dimissories, vnder their awne names and seales, as thei haue heretofore accustomed: any thyng in this acte conteined, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that all processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by any Ecclesiastical persone, or persones, for the trial of any plea, or pleas, or matter dependyng, or that hereafter shall depende, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde at the common lawe, and limitted by the lawes and customes of this realme, to the spirituall Courtes, to trie thesame: that the certificat of thesame, after the triall therof, shalbe made in the kynges name for the tyme beyng, and with the stile of thesame kyng, and vnder the seale of the bishop graued with the kynges armes, with the name of the bishop, or spiritual officer, beyng to the reste of the thesame processe and certificat, and to euery of them.

¶ The.iii. Chapiter.

An acte for the punishyng of vagabondes, and for the relief of the poore and impotent persones.

FOR asmuche, as idlenes and vagabondrie, is the mother and roote of all thestes, robberies, and all euill actes, and other mischiefes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto, hath alwaies been, here within this realme, verie greate, and more in numbre, (as it maie appere) then in other regions, to the greate impouerishment of the realme, and daungter of the kynges highnes subiectes: the which idlenes and vagabondrie, all the kynges highnes noble progenitors, kynges of this realme, and this high Courte of parliament, hath often and with greate trauayle, gone aboute, and assaied with Godly actes and statutes, to represse: yet vntill this our tyme, it hath not had that succesle,

ceſſe, which hath bene wiſſhed, but partelie by fooliſhe pitie, and mercye of them, whiche ſhoulde haue ſene the ſayde godlie lawes executed, partelie by the peruerſe nature, and longe accuſtomed ydlenes of the perſones, geuen to loytringe, the ſayde godlye Statutes, hitherto hathe had ſmal effecte, and ydle & vagabonde perſones, beinge vnprofitable membres, or rather ennemies of the cõmon wealthe, hath bene ſuffered to remayne and encreaſe, and yet ſo do: Whom, yf they ſhould be puniſſhed by deathe, Whippinge, empriſonemente, or wyth other corporall peyne, it were not wythout theyr deſertes, for the example of others, and to the benefite of the cõmon wealthe, Yet yf they could be brought to be made profitable, and do ſeruice, it were muche to be wyſſhed and deſyred: Be it therfore enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth the cõſente of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſente Parliament aſſembled, & by aucthorite of the ſame, fyrſte that all ſtatutes and actes of parliamente, heretofore made for the punyſſhment of vagabondes and ſturdye beggers, and all articles comprysed in the ſame, ſhalbe from henſkurthe repealed, voyde and of none effecte.

Secondlye, that whoſoeuer, after the fyrſte daye of Aprill nexte folowyng, Man or woman, beyng not lame, impotent or ſo aged, or diſeaſed with ſyckenes, that he or ſhe cannot worke, not hauing landes or Tenementes, Fees, Annuites, or anye other yearely reuenewes or profyttes, whereon they may finde ſufficientlye theyr lyuinge, ſhall, eyther lyke a ſcrypnge man wantinge a Maſter, or lyke a begger, or after anye other ſuche ſorte, be lurkynge in any houſe or houſes, or loytringe, or ydelye wander by the hyghe wayes ſyde, or in Stretes, in Cyties, Townes, or villages, not applynge them ſelfe to ſome honeſte, and allowed Arte, Science, Seruice, or labor, & ſo do continewe by the ſpace of thre dayes or more together, & not offer them ſelfes to labor with any that wyll take them, accordynge to theyr faculte: and yf no man other wyſe wyll take them, doo not offer them ſelfes to worke for meate & drinke, or after they be ſo taken to worke for the ſpace agreed betwixte them and theyr Maſters, do leaue theyr worke, out of conuenyente tyme, or runne away: that then euery ſuch perſon, ſhalbe taken for a vagabonde, and that it ſhalbe lawfull to euerye ſuche Maſter, offeringe ſuche ydle perſon, ſeruice, and labor, and that beynge by hym refuſed, or who hathe agreed wyth ſuche ydle perſon, and from whome, wythin the ſpace agreed of Seruice, the ſaide loyterer hath runne away, or departed before the ende of the couenaunte betwene them, & to any other perſon eſpyenge the ſame, to bryng or cauſe to be brought, the ſayde perſon, ſo lyuinge ydelye and loytringlye, to two of the nexte iuſtices of the peace, there reſiaunte or abiding, who hearynge the proffe of the ydle lyuynge of the ſayde perſon, by the ſayde ſpace lyuinge ydelye, as is afore ſayde, approued to them by two honeſt wytneſſes, or confeſſion of the partie, ſhal ymmediatelye cauſe the ſaide loyterer to be marked, with an hoate yron in the breaſte, the marke

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of.v.and adiudge theſaied perſone liuyng ſo idlely to ſuche preſentor, to bee his ſlaue:to haue and to holde theſaied ſlaue to hym, his Executors,or aſſignes, for the ſpace of twoo yeres, then nexte followyng,and to ordre theſaid ſlaue,as followeth:that is to ſaie,to take ſuche perſone adiudged a ſlaue, with hym, and onely geuyng theſaied ſlaue, breade and water,or ſmall drinke,and ſuche refuſe of meate,as he ſhall thinke mete,cauſe theſaied ſlaue to worke,by beatyng,cheinyng,or otherwiſe, in ſuche woorke and labor,(how vile ſo euer it bee)as he ſhall put hym vnto.And if any maner of ſlaue,either for loytryng,or for the cauſe before reherſed,ſo adiudged,ſhall within the ſpace of theſaied twoo yeres here appoynted, runne awaie, departe, or abſente hym from his ſaied Maſter by the ſpace of fourtene daies together,without licence:it ſhal not onely be lefull to his ſaid Maſter,to purſue,and fetche hym again, by vertue of this Acte, but alſo to puniſhe ſuche faulte, by cheines, or beatyng, as is aforeſaied: and againſt the deteignor,if any manne doo willyngly deteigne hym,knowyng hym to bee a ſlaue,as is aforeſaied, to haue an Accion of Treſpaſſe,and recouer thereby in dammages,ten poundes,beſides the coſtes and charges of the ſuite, for ſo deteignyng his ſaid ſlaue. And further,euery ſuche Maſter,ſhewyng and prouyng by twoo ſufficient witneſſes, theſaied offence or faulte of his runnyng awaie,before twoo Juſtices of Peace,of theſame Countie,whereof the one to bee of the Quorum, theſame Juſtices ſhall cauſe ſuche ſlaue or loyterer,to be marked on the forehedde,or the ball of the cheke,with an hoate yron,with the ſigne of an.s. that he maie bee knowen for a loyterer and a runne awaie,and ſhall adiudge the loyterer,and runne away to be theſaid Maſters ſlaue for euer. And if ſuche ſlaue ſhall the ſecond tyme runne awaie,or abſent hymſelf, if theſaied Maſter ſhall approue theſame ſeconde runnyng awaie, with twoo ſufficient witneſſes,before the Juſtice of Peace,in their generall and quarter Seſſions:then euery ſuche faulte and runnyng awaie,to bee adiudged Felony, and ſuche loyterer and runne awaie, to bee taken as a Felon, and thereof beyng lawfully indicted,and attainted,or other wiſe condempned,to ſuffre peines of death,as other Felons ought to do.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaied, that no Clearke conuicte,ſhall hereafter make his purgacion, and vpon ſuche purgacio be deliuered,and ſet at large,otherwiſe then is in this ſtatute hereafter expreſſed.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that euery clearke conuict, or hereafter to be conuicted,whiche ſhould, by the ordre of the lawe,enioye the benefite of their purgacion,ſhal,and maie from hencefurthe finde any man(if thei can) who ſhalbee bounde,with twoo ſufficient ſuretis, to the ordinary, in the ſumme of.xx. poundes to the kynges highnes vſe,to reteigne theſaied conuicte,as his ſlaue,and to kepe theſaid perſone ſo conuict,for the ſpace of one yere then next folowyng,

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that he shal not go abrode, and at large: & then the sayd conuicte shalbe deliuered to the sayde person, so takinge the same, and beyng bounde, as aforesayde, to bee hys slaue, for one whole yere, then nexte followynge, by vertue of thys acte, in all suche maner and fourme, and to all suche ententes and purposes, & with all such Order, Lawes, Conditions, and penalties, for runninge away or other, as is aforesayde of a vagabonde taken loyteringe and made a slaue, (burninge in the breaste onely excepte:) and the ordinarie by the deliuerie of the saide conuicte, to such person beynge bounde, as aforesayde, to be of the kepinge of the sayde conuicte, clerelie discharged and exonerated by vertue of thys acte.

And yf so be, that the sayde clerke so conuicte, cannot fynde any man, to be bounde, as is aforesayde, to whome he maye be adiudged a slaue, in the space of one yere: Then at any tyme, after the ende of one yere, after his cõuiction, it shalbe lawfull for the sayde clerke conuicte, to make his purgation, as he might before this estatute, any thynge in this presente acte to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

And where as clerkes conuicted or attaynted, by the order of the lawes of thys Realme, cannot make theyr purgation, and shoulde perpetually, by the same, remayne in prison: Be it neuertheles enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf there be any maner of person, who wyl at any tyme demaunde the same clerke conuicted or attaynted, & be bound to the ordinarie with two sufficiente suretes, as is aboue writtẽ, to kepe the same as hys slaue, by the space of fyue yeares then nexte folowynge, that then the same shalbe adiudged his slaue, for like space, with all such orders, lawes, and penalties, for runnynge awaye, and other orders, as is before expressed of a vagabounde, adiudged to anye man, for a slaue (the burnynge in the breaste onely excepte) and vpon the adiudgement delyuered to suche demaundaunte, the ordinarie from thensfurthe, of the keppynge of suche clerke conuicted or attaynted, clerely exonerated and discharged by vertue of this acte.

And forasmuch as diuers women and men, goeth on beggynge wayfaringe, of the which some be impotente & lame, and some hable enough to labor, whiche doo carye chyldren aboute with them, some .iii. or .v. yeres of age or yonger, or elder, which brought vp in idlenes, myght be so rooted in it, that hardely they may be brought after, to good thrifte and labor, or yf any chylde aboue the age of fyue yeres, and vnder the age of fourtene yeres, goo idlelye wanderinge aboute as a vagabounde: Be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that yf anye maner of person, wyll take any suche chylde, be it male or female, of, & from any suche begger, beynge the mother thereof, nouricer, or keper, whether they be willynge, or not, or without any suche nourice, mother, or keper, by him selfe wanderinge, & bringe the sayde chylde so taken awaye, before one of the constables of the parisshe, and two other honest & discrete neyghbours, wytnesses, and before any iustice of peace, there resiaunte and abydyng, and

promysse to bryng the same chylde vp in some honest labor, or occupation, tyll he, or she come to the age of.xx.yeres the womā childe, or.xxiiii. the man chylde: That then, and immediatly the sayd iustice of peace and constable, shall adiudge, by vertue of thys acte, the sayd chylde vnto the ages before specified, to be seruauntes or apprentecesse to the sayde persons, so takyng and promisyng, to be vsed and ordered in all poyntes, accordyng as the lawe and custome of thys Realme, is of Seruauntes and apprentices, to what labor, occupation, or seruice so euer, the sayde Master shal appoynte him, or her, duryng the sayd tyme. And if it shall fortune suche chylde so adiudged, to runne awaye at anye tyme, once, or moo tymes, frō his, or her master, or maistres: that then it shalbe lawful for euery suche Master, to take the sayd chylde agayne, and to kepe and punishe the sayd chylde, in cheynes, or otherwyse, & vse him, or her, as his slaue, in all poyntes, for ỹ tyme before rehersed of the age of such childe, that is to saye, tyll twentie the womā chylde, & the man chylde.xxiiii.

Prouided alwayes, that any Master, either of the men, or of the women, so adiudged slaues, or of the chyldrē adiudged apprentices or seruauntes, maye lette, set furthe, sell, bequeathe, or geue the seruice & labor of suche slaues or seruauntes, so adiudged as is aforesayde, to any person, or persones, to whom so euer he wyll, vpon suche condition, and for suche tyme of yeres, as the sayde persons be adiudged to him, for slaues, seruauntes, or apprenteces, after suche lyke sorte and maner, as he may do of any other his moueable gooddes or cattalles: and they for the sayd space and tyme, to be bounde to all poyntes and constructions, to suche lessee, donee, vendee, or assignee, as they were to their fyrst apprehenders and Masters, by vertue of this statute.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any suche slaue, or slaues, or chyldrē, so adiudged, shal at any tyme after such adiudgemēt, mayme, or wounde, their masters or maistresses, in resistyng their corrections, or otherwyse: or where they be Manumitted, and set agayne free, or in the tyme of their seruice, shall cōspire with any other, or by them selfes go about to murder & kyll, or to mayme, wounde, or beate the saide Master or Maistres, or any that was their Master or Maistres, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente come to an acte tendynge to the effecte: that then euerye suche mayme or wounde, or the goynge about to murder, kylle, mayme, wounde, or beate such person or persons, as be, or were their Maisters or Maistresses, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente do come to any acte, tendyng to the same effecte, as lyynge in wayte with a weapō, or anye suche lyke, shalbe accompted Felonie, and they shall suffer therfore peynes of death, as in case of Felonie: excepte that any suche person or persons, as be, or had bene Master or Maistres to any of them, or he refusyng, any other wyll take such person so offending, to their slaues, & then he, or she so offending, to be adiudged to ỹ person, so willing to take him

or her, so offendyng, slaue for euer, and therupon to be discharged of the Felonie. The same lawe and order to be had in all conditiõs, yt it shoulde chaunce the father, mother, nourice, or other ỹ bearer about of the chylde, or any other person or persons, to steale away such chylde adiudged apprentice or seruaunt, that is, to be slaue to such apprentices or seruaũtes master, whose apprentice or seruaunt was so stollen or entysed away, for euer: and ỹ master neuertheles to take and receyue hys sayde apprentice or seruaunt agayn, as yf the sayde takyng away had neuer be done.

Be it also enacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that although ther be no man, which shal demaũde such loyterer, or loyterers, as before expressed, into their seruice: Yet neuertheles, the iustice of peace in that Cytie, Borrough, Towne, or Hũdreth dwellyng yf any such be, or els any other iustice of peace of the same shyre & also there dwellyng, by his, or their office shalbe hereafter bound by vertue of this acte, not onely to enquire of all suche ydle persons, but also yt they do espie any such vagabondes, or ydle person or yf any such be detected vnto them, to examine hym, or her, of the tyme of their vagabounderye: and yf it shal appere to any iustice of peace any such man, or woma to haue been a vagaraunt & vagabounde, or ydle person, by the space, as is aforesayde, to cause the same to be marked on ỹ breaste with an. V. made with an hoate yron: and also to learne and enquyre of him, the Towne, Citie, or Village, wherein he was borne, and then shall immediatlye geue a writynge in parchemente sealed with his seale, to the sayed loyterer, of the tenor and forme, which here ensueth. A.B. iustice of peace in the countie of. S. to the Maiour or chefe officer of the Citie of. Q. yf it be a Citie: or to the head Borrough Bailief, or Cõstable or head officer of ỹ Towne of. Q. yf it be a Towne: or to the Cõstable or Tythinge man of the Village of. C. yf it be a Village, greting. Accordyng to a moste godlye statute made in the fyrst yete of the reigne of our Souereigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixte, &c. We haue taken this bearer. I.K. vagaraũtely, & to the euyll example of others, without master, seruice, or labor wherby to gette his lyuinge, goyng loyterynge, and ydelely aboute. And because the same saieth, he was borne in. C. in the countie of. S. wherof you are the head officer or Constable, We haue sent hym to you to be ordred accordyng to ỹ purporte and effecte of the same statute. And with this writyng, shall delyuer the same loyterer to ỹ constables, or other head officer of the sayd Citie, Towne, or Village, wherin such loyterer was take, to be safely cõueighed by them, to the next constables, and so from constables to constables, & other heade officers, tyll he or she be brought to ỹ place, the which, he, or she hath named themselfe to be borne in, & then to be deliuered to ỹ head officer or constable of that same Citie, Borrough, or Towne, Village Hãlette, or parysh, there to be nourished and kepte of the same Citie, Towne, or Village, in cheynes, or otherwyse, eyther at the common workes in amendynge hyghe wayes, or other cõmon worke, or frõ man to mã in order, tyl they which may beare,

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be equally chatged, to bee ſlaue to the cozpozacion of the citie, oz to the inhabitauntes of the toune, oz village, that he, oz ſhe, wer bozne in, after al ſuche fozme, condicion, ſpace of peres, ozders, puniſhmentes foz tunnyng awaie, and all others, as are expreſſed of a commō, oz priuate perſone, to whom any ſuche loyterer is adiudged a ſlaue. And theſaid citie toune, oz village, ſhall ſee theſaied ſlaue beyng hable to labor, ſette on woozke, and not liue idlely within theſaied precinctes, vpon pein, that foz euery ſuche defaulte, that theſaied ſlaue dooth liue idlely, by the defaulte of the citie, bozrough, oz toune, oz village, by the ſpace of three woozkyng daies together, the citie to fozfeit. v.l. a bozrough, oz toune incozpozate. xl.s. and other toune oz village. xx.s. wherof the one hault to the kyng our ſouereigne Lozde, the other to hym that will ſue foz the ſame, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recozde, by bill, infozmacion, oz accion of debte, in the whiche ſuites, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe, oz pzotection ſhalbe allowed.

Pzouided, and be it enacted, that the citie, toune, and bozrough cozpozate, by the conſent of the moze part of the cozpozaciō: and the toune and village not cozpozate, by the conſent of the moze parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, maie ſet, ſell, oz geue awaie, the right, title and intereſt of theſaied ſlaue, to any other perſone, as any other common oz priuate perſone maie do, with his ſlaue, by the vertue of this acte.

Pzouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that if it fozfune, when theſaid vagabond is brought to theſaied citie, toune, oz village, where theſaid perſone ſaied, he was bozne, to appere and bee manifeſt, that he oz ſhe was not there bozne: that then foz ſuche lye, theſaied vagaraunt ſhalbe marked in the face with an. s. and be ſlaue to the inhabitauntes, oz cozpozacion of the citie, toune, oz village, where theſaid vagaraūt ſaied he was bozne in, foz euer, vpō ſuche condicions, & ozders, in al pointes, as of a ſlaue marked in the face, is befoze expreſſed. Theſame lawe, & ozdze in all poyntes to be had of all vagaraunt perſones, & vagabondes, beyng bozne in any other nacīō oz coūtrey, then this realme, as is befoze expreſſed, of Engliſhe idle perſons, (markyng in the breaſt oz face only excepted) that is to be had to the next pozt, and ther to be kept of the inhabitauntes of theſaid next pozt, in cōuenient labor, and frō idlenes, oz otherwiſe, till thei maie be conueighed ouer: & then at the coſtes of the inhabitaūtes of theſaid pozt, to be conueighed ouer into their coūtreis.

And foz aſmuche as there is many mayned & otherwiſe lamed, ſoze, aged and impotent perſones, whiche reſozteth to the citie of London, & to other cities, tounes, and villages, on beggyng: whoſe cōmyng together, and makyng a nūbze, doth fill the ſtretes oz high waies, of diuerſe cities, tounes, markettes, and faiers, who, if thei wer ſeperated, mought eaſely be nouriſhed in the tounes and places, wherin thei wer bozne, oz where thei were, oz haue been moſte conuerſaunte and abidyng by the ſpace of three peres: be it therfoze enacted by the auctholitie afozeſaied,

that all and singuler Maiours, Shirieffes, Baylieffes, Constables, or other hedde officers of any citie, toune, or hundreth, to whiche, suche resort is, or shalbe, shall, before the Purificacion of our Lady next folowyng se all suche idle, impotent, maymed, and aged persones, who otherwise cannot by their discrecions bee taken for vagabondes, whiche were borne within thesaied citie, toune, or hundred, or hath been there moste conuersaunt and abidyng by the space of three yeres, as is aforesaied, and now decaied, bestowed and prouided for, of tenauntries, Cotages or other conuenient houses, to be lodged in, at the costes & charges of thesaid cities, tounes, boroughes, and villages, there to be releuedand cured by the deuocion of the good people, of thesaied citie, borrough toune or village: and that thei do not suffre, after the time before rehersed, any other, then suche, as either were borne, or hath been for the moste part conuersaunt, or abidyng, by the space aforesaied, in thesaied citie, borrough, village, or toune, to remain and begge abrode within the precinctes of suche cities, tounes, villages, or hundrethes: vpon pein, that euery suche Maiours, Shirieffes, and Baliefes, Constable, or other hedde officer, by what name soeuer he bee called, sufferyng any persones to begge within the precinct of his, or their suche iurisdicciõ, other then is before rehersed, for euery three daies, shall forfaite. x. s. to whom soeuer will sue therfore, by bill, informacion, or accion of debt, in any Courte of Record, in the whiche suites, none essoyne, wager of lawe nor protteccion shalbe allowed.

And for the better performaunce hereof: be it enacted by authoritie aforesaid, that the Maiour of the citie of Lõdon, & all other Maiours, Bailieffes, Shirieffes, Constables, and other hed officers of euery citie, toune corporate, doo, with all conuenient spede by theimselfes, or their sufficient deputies, by them appointed, before the feast of the Purificacion next commyng, and so from time to tyme, euery moneth once, make a vieu and examinacion of aged, impotent and lame persons, beggers, as bee within the precincte of their iurisdiction, and see all suche, as were not borne, nor hath been for the moste parte conuersaunt and abidyng there, by the space of three yeres complete, conueighed on horsebacke, Carte or Chariotte, or otherwise, as shall seme by their discrecions, to the nexte Constables, and thei to conueigh thesame to the nexte Constables, and so from Constables to Constables, till thesaied persones be brought to the place, where thei wer borne, or moste conuersaunt and abidyng, as is aforesaied, there to be prouided for, kept and nourisshed of almose, as is aforesaid: vpon the pein, that euery suche Maiour Shirief, or Constable, hed Borrough, or hed officer not makyng vieu, not sendyng, or conueiyng awaie, not receiuyng, or not prouidyng, as is before appoynted, accordyng to the true purport or meanyng of this acte, to forfeit for euery suche defaulte. xl. s. Whereof the one haulfe to the kinges vse, the other, to the partie that wil sue therfore in any of the

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kynges Courtes of Recorde, by bylll, information, action of debte, in the which suites, none essoyne, wager of law, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any of thesayed aged, maymed or unpotet persones, of the Citees, Tounes, or Villages, where they were borne in, or had their moste abydyng, as aforesayed, bee not so lame or unpotent, but that they maie worke in some maner of worke: that then such Citee, Toune, Parishe, or Village, do eyther in common prouyde some suche worke for theim, as they maye be occupied in, or appoynt theim to suche as wyll fynde theim worke, for meate and drynke. And yf they refuse of wilfulnesse and stubburnesse to worke, or do runne awaye, and begge in other places, then to punishe thesame accordyng to their discretions, with cheynyng, beatyng, or otherwise, as shall seme to them conuenient. And for the more furtheraunce of the relief of suche, whiche are in vnfayned misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that euery Sundaye and holy daye, after the readyng of the Gospel of the daie, the Curate of euery Parrishe, do make, accordyng to suche talent as God hath geuen him, a Godly and briefe exhortation to hys Parrishioners: mouynge and excityng theim, to remembre the poore people, & the duetie of Christian charitie, in releuyng of them, whiche be their brethren in Christe, borne in thesame Parrishe, and nedyng their healpe.

Prouided alwayes, that yf it shall chaunce, anye suche adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before rehersed, to haue inheritaunce descended vnto hym, or her, or any other wayes, be, by the lawes of this realme, warde, or bonde mame, or neif of bloode, by, or from any of his auncestors, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawfull to anye suche persone or persones, to whom any suche warde, bonde man, or neif shall apperteigne, to seale and take suche wardes, bonde menne, or neifes, and theim to reteigne and kepe, as their wardes, bonde men, or neifes. And thesayed wardes, bonde men and neifes shalbe discharged of thesayed slauerye, or other seruitude or bondage, aboue rehersed: This estatute, or any thyng therein conteigned, to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And also be it enacted, that yf anye suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, which shall haue at any tyme hereafter any aduauncement or lyuyng, accrue, come, or growe vnto hym, or any of them, whereby he, or they maye haue a conuenient lyuyng, that then, and from thensefurthe, he, or they so beyng aduaunced, to be discharged of their slauerye, seruitude and bondage: this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng: Any woman beyng a seruaunt, apprentice or slaue, as is aforesayed, beyng maryed within the age of. xx. yeres, without the assent of her Master, vntill she shall accomplishe and come to thesayed age of. xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Bee it also enacted, that all leprouse and poore beddered creatures,

whatsoeuer they be, maye at their awne libertie, remayn and continue in suche houses, appoynted for lepprouse, or beddred people, as they now be in, & shall not be cõpelled to repaire into any other coũtries or places, by the vertue of this acte, any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstandyng. And that also it shalbe lefull vnto thesaied lepprouse and beddered people, for their better relefes, to appoynte their Proctor or Proctors, so there be not appoynted aboue the numbre of two persones, for any one house of lepprouse & beddred people, to gather the charitable almose of all suche inhabitauntes, as shalbe within the compasse of .iiii. miles of any of thesayed houses of lepres, and beddred persones.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctholitie abouesayed, that it shalbe lawfull to euery persone, to whom anye persone in forme abouesayed shalbe adiudged a slaue, to put a tyng of yron aboute hys necke, arme, or hys legge, for a more knowledge and suertye of the keppyng of hym. And that yt any persone or persones do take, or healpe to take any suche bonde of yron from any suche slaue, that then euery persone so doyng without the licence or assent of his Master, shall, all forfaicte for euery suche defaulte, ten poundes sterlyng.

Be it further enacted, that this present acte, shall, before the first daye of Marche next commyng, be openly proclamed in euery cytie Corporate, Toune, and market Toune, vpon the market daye: and also from thensefurth shall yerely be redde in euery shire openly in twoo generall quarter sessions of the peace, that is to saye, at the generall quarter sessions after Midsomer, and the generall quarter sessions next after Christemas, to the intent, that euery persone maye haue knowledge thereof, and that this acte shall indure vnto the ende of the next parliament.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to the lorde Chauncellor of Englande, or the lord keper of the greate Seale for the tyme beyng, at their discretions, to graunt Commission vnder the great Seale of Englande, to euery, or any persone or persones, that hath or shall haue his, or their houses or barnes burnt, or such losses, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their ayde and healp, of hys or their losses, decaye, or hinderaũce, as in tymes past hath been vsed: any thyng conteigned in this acte notwithstandyng.

An acte for tenures holden in Capite.

¶ The .iii. Chapiter.

WHere before this tyme, ambiguities, questions, and doubtes haue been moued and styrred in dyuerse and sundery the kynges Courtes of Recorde, whether such Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes and other Hereditamentes are holden of the kyng in Capite, whiche any hys louyng subiectes do holde by knyghtes seruice, Sorcage, or other seruices of the kyng, as of hys Duchies, Erledomes,

Erledomes, Baronies, Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, and Seignyories, whiche haue come to the handes and possession of diuerse of his highnesse mooste noble Progenitors, by Attendor of treason, misprysion of treason, Attendors of premunire, and prouision had and doen by acte of Parliament, by verdicte, confession, conuiction, or vtlagary, and offyces or no offyces thereupon founde, or by the dissolution, surrendre, or geuyng vp to the kyng, or to anye hys noble Progentors, of anye Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, to any of thesame Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places in any wyse apperteignyng or belongyng, or no: By meanes of whiche doubte so moued, his sayed humble and obedient subiectes and tenauntes haue been heretofore muche vnquieted, molested and greued: wherfore the kyng oure souereigne Lorde, myndyng and entierly desiryng the quietnes of his sayed subiectes, and that the certayntie of his lawes in that behalfe might be knowen and declared to hys sayed louyng subiectes, for a playn declaration and resolution to be had, of, for, and concernyng the premysses, at the humble petition and suyte of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doeth ordeyn, declare and enacte by the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all suche Honors, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, & other Hereditamentes, & euery of them, which now be, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe holden of the kyng, or of any of his heires or successors, by any of his sayed subiectes, by knightes seruice, Soccage or otherwyse, as of any of his or their Dukedomes, Erledomes, Baronies, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, or Seignyories, which be come to the kyng, or his most noble Progentors, or hereafter shall come to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by meanes of any suche Attainder, Conuiction, Vtlagary, or of any suche dissolution, surrendre or geuyng vp of any Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes or Hereditamentes, to any of thesayed Religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places in anywise belongyng or apperteignyng, shall not from henceforthe be adiudged, demed, taken or construed, to any intent, construction or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or at Tenure in Capite: any ambiguitie, question, or doubt heretofore moued to the contrary notwithstandyng,

Prouyded allwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned, shal not in any wise be preiudiciall ne hurtfull to the kyng, his heires or successors, to, for, or concernyng any wardshyp, liuerey, primer seison, fine for alienation, or to or for any other profyte or aduauntage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shall, or maye come, fall or growe to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by, or from any persone, or persones, whiche now doth, or hereafter

shall holde any Honors, Seignyories, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of the kyng in Chief, as of hys person, or of anye other his auncient possessions, and beyng not come to the kyng by any suche attaynder, confession, conuiction, vtlagary, dissolution, geuyng vp, or surrender, as be abouesayed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteigned or specifyed, shall not in any wyse, or by any meanes, geue anye aduauntage, libertie or profyte to anye Tenaunt or owner in Fee symple, of anye Honors, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamētes, which haue heretofore sued any speciall or general liuerey, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of the kyng, or of anye his noble Progenitors, of anye Honors, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, by what or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shall confesse by ert of record, any tenor in Chief of the kyng, but that they, their assignes, shall haue and holde thesame Mannours, Landes, s, and other Hereditamentes, in lyke maner and fourme, as ore the makyng of thys present acte, and as though thys had neuer been had, ne made: any thynge aboue declared to the contrary notwithstandyng.

An acte that no Horsses shalbe conueighed out of this realme, and other the kynges Dominions, without licence.

The.v. Chapiter.

WHere before this tyme, diuerse of the kynges subiectes, & namely of the Northe partes of this realme, aswel in time of peace as of warre, haue cōueighed, sold, geuē & deliuered out of this realme, aswel into Scotlande, as into other foreyne realmes beyonde the sea, many & diuerse great multitude of Horsses, Geldynges and Mares, which haue been thought, aswell great occasion, strenght, and boldnesse to the Scottishmen, & other the kynges foreyne enemies, hauyng in possession thesame Horsses, Geldynges, & Mares, in tyme of warre to inuade this realme, as also a great decay of the good breede of Horsses and Mares, which before this tyme hath been within this realme, to the greate detriment & hinderaūce of the kynges poore subiectes, towardes the defence of this realme, and other his dominiōs: For remedie whereof, be it therfore enacted by oure souereigne lorde the kyng, & by the cōmons in this present Parliamēt assembled, & by the auctoritie of thesame, that if any persone, or persones, after the first daye of January next commyng, do sell, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer, into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of any Scottisheman, or do cary, geue, exchaunge, sell, sende, conueigh, or delyuer into anye place beyonde the sea, out of his realme, or the

or the dominiõs of thesame, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, without speciall licẽce, therfore to be obteined, of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale of this realme, or vnder the priuie signate: or if any persone, or persones, after thesaied first daie of January, do sell, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottishman within this realme of Englãd or Wales, the toune of Berwicke, or the Marches of thesame to the intent to bee conueighed into Scotlande, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, or do conueigh or cary, any Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, into any forein parties beyonde the sea, without like speciall licence obteined of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale, or priuie signate, as is aforesaid: that then thesame person and persones, so offendyng, contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfeit to our said souereigne Lorde, and his heires, thesame Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, so caried and conueighed, and shall also lose and forfeite the summe of .xl.l. for euery such Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, so to be conueighed and caried in forme aforesaied: whereof the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to hym, or theim, that will sue for thesame, by informacion, accion of debte, or detinue, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, in whiche suite, no waget of lawe, essoyne, ne proteccion shalbe allowed: And that also all, and euery persone and persones so offendyng, contrary to this acte, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull, aswell to the wardein and wardens of the East, West, and middle Marches, for the tyme beyng, in their warden Courtes, as also, to all & euery the kynges Justices of peace, in euery shire, aswell in Englande, as in Wales, in their quarter sessiõs, to inquire of all & euery offence or offences, hereafter to be perpetrated, cõmitted or doen, contrary to this act: and that it shalbe lefull to all and euery person & persõs, beyng the kynges subiectes, to arrest & imprison euery Scottishman, and al and euery other person & persons, whiche shal leade, or conuey, contrary to the meanyng of chis act, any such Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, out of this realme into thesaid realme of Scotland, or into any other forein place beyond the sea, other then suche persons, as hereafter shal haue sufficiẽt warraunt, by, or from the kynges highnes or his heires, vnder his, or their great seale, or priuie signate, accordyng to ỹ meanyng of this act.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaied that if the kyng our souereigne Lorde, his heires or successors, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his greate seale, or priuie signate, do geue licence, to any person or persones, to cary or conueigh any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotlande, or into any parties beyonde the sea, or els doo geue auctorite, power, or cõmaundement, to any persone or persones, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great seale, to licence any other person or persones, to cary, or cõueigh any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the sea, that then it shalbe lefull,

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alſwell to al & ſinguler perſon & perſons, hauyng ſuche licence vnder ỹ kynges great ſeale, or priuie ſignate, as to all & euery other perſon, and perſõs, hauyng licẽce in writyng vnder the ſeale of ſuche perſon, or perſons, to whõ, the kyng ſhal geue aucthoritie, power, or cõmaũdemẽt in forme aboueſaid, to licence other perſon, or perſons, to cary, or cõueigh any Horſſes, Mares, or Geldynges, into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the ſea, to cary & cõuey ſuche numbre of Horſes, Geldynges, & Mares, or any of thẽ into Scotland, or into any of the parties beyond the ſea, as ſhalbe mẽcioned in any ſuch licẽce, as is before ſpecified, any thing mencioned in this act to the cõtrary in anywiſe notwithſtãdyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaied, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteined, ſhall in anywiſe extend, to any perſone, or perſones, whiche at any tyme hereafter, ſhall cary, or conueigh any Horſe, Mare, or Geldyng, into Scotlande, or into any other foreyne parties beyonde the ſea, to ſerue the kyng in his warres, with theſame Horſes, Mares, or Geldynges, any thyng mencioned in this acte, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

And to thintent the kynges maieſtie ſhall not hereafter be deceiued, in the numbre of ſuche Horſes, Mares, or Geldynges, whiche hereafter ſhalbe caried and conueyed into Scotland, ne, that the parties, whiche hereafter ſhal obtein any licence by force of this acte, for the cariage or conueyaunce, of any Horſes, Mares, or Geldynges, to be caried or cõueyed into Scotlãd: be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid that all and euery ſuche perſone and perſones, whiche hereafter ſhalbe licenced, according to this acte, to cary or conuey, any Horſes, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotland, ſhall, before theſame cariage, or conueiaunce, vpon the pein of forfaiture of theſaid Horſe, Mare, or Geldyng, or the double value therof: wherof the one moytie to be to the king, and the other moytie to hym, or them, that will ſue for theſame by ſuche like action, as before is limited in this acte, ſhew his, or their ſaid licence, to one of the thre wardens of the thre Marches of England, to the intent that one of theſaid wardens ſhall cauſe the numbre of theſaied Horſes, Mares, or Geldynges, ſo licenced to be conueyed into Scotlande, not onely to bee kalendard in a boke, to remain in his awne cuſtodie, but alſo to be indorſed, and written on the backe ſide of theſaid licence, and theſame endorſement to be ſigned with the hande of theſaid warden.

Prouided alwaies, that it ſhalbe lefull to euery of the kynges ſubiectes that ſhall paſſe ouer beyond the ſea, to ſhippe and cary with them, Horſes, or Geldynges, for their onely occupacion in their iourneis, and not to the intent to ſell theſame beyonde the ſea: and that intent to bee iudged, by the othe of hym, or them, that ſo will cary ouer any Horſe, or Geldyng, whiche othe ſhalbe taken before the Cuſtomars, or their deputies, or ſearcher of euery ſuche porte, where theſame Horſe, or Geldyng, ſhalbe ſhipped before the ſhippyng therof.

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Prouided alwaies, that the Warde of the fyue portes now beyng, or hereafter to be, maye yerely at his pleasure, geue fyue Nottes or Seldinges, & no more, within one yere, at one, or diuerse tymes, vpō lyke peyne, as is aforesayde, to anye persone or persones in the parties beyonde the seas, beynge in amitie with the Kynges highnes, or hys successors: thys acte or any thyng therein, to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouided also, that thys acte, nor any thynge therein mencioned, be in anye wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to the Master of the Kynges Nottes now, & hereafter to be, for such thynges & cōmodities, as shall, & do concerne his office: any thyng in this acte, to the cōtrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lefull to anye the Kynges Subiectes, to cary, or sende into any partes beyonde the sea, any Wares, whereof the pryce of any one Ware, so to be caryed, doth not excede. x. s̄. in suche and lyke maner, as Wares, beynge of the pryce of. vi. s̄. viii. d̄. haue been, or might haue been conueyghed ouer the seas, before the makynge of thys Acte: anye thynge in thys Acte, or in any other Acte or Actes, heretofore made to the contrarye hereof notwithstandyng.

An acte for the contynuaunce of makyng of woolsted yarne in Norfolk. Cap. vi.

Where the greatest and almoost the whole numbre of the poore inhabitaūtes of the Countye of Norfolk, and the cytie of Norwich, be, and haue bene heretofore for a great tyme mayntayned and gotten theyr lyuynge by spynnynge of the wolles, growynge in thesayed Countye of Norfolk, vpon the rocke into yarne, & by all thesayd tyme haue vsed to haue their accesse to cōmon marketes within thesayd Countie and Citie, to bye theire wolles there to be spunne, as is aforesayd, of certayne persones, called Retailers of thesame wolles by eight penywoorth, and twelue penywoorth at one tyme or therabout, and haue not vsed to bye, ne can bye their sayde wolles of the breders of thesame wolles by suche small percelles, aswell, for that thesayed breders of thesayed wolles wyll not sell their sayed wolles by suche small percelles, as also for that the moost parte of thesayed poore persones, dwel farre of from thesayed breders of thesayed wolles: And forasmuche as by an acte of parliament made in the. xxvii. yere of the reigne of the noble Kynge of famous memory Henry the. viii. all persones be restreyned vpon a greate peyne, to bye any wolles to sell thesame agayne, except merchauntes of the Staple, for the onlye prouisyon of the Staple, as in thesayed acte emonge other thynges more at large it is conteyned: therefore thesayde Retaylers of wolles in thesaied Countye of Norfolk and Citie of Norwiche, which heretofore haue vsed to bye wolles, and to sell them agayne

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to the sayed poore persones in ouert merkettes as is aforesayed, haue sence the makynge of thesayde estatute in eschewynge the daungier and peyne prouided by thesame, ceassed and lefte to bye thesayde wolles, for the releefe of thesayd poore persones: By reason whereof, thesame poore persons inhabityng within thesaide coũtie of Norfolk and citie of Norwych, that hath heretofore bene spynners, and maynteined by spynnyng of thesayd wolles, be now vnoccupied & vnset aworke, and a great numbre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decaye and ruyne of the poore people of thesayde countie and cytie, and the inhabitaũtes therof, onlesse some remedy be therin prouided: In cõsideration wherof it maye please the Kynges mooste royall maiestie, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of thesame, that all and euery person and persones dwellyng and inhabityng within thesaied countie of Norfolk and Citie of Norwiche, or in either of them, by his, or themselfes, or by his or their factours, seruaũt, or seruaũtes, maye lawfully from henssurth, without peyne forfaicture, daũgier, or breache of any law or ordinaunce, to bye and bargayn wolles, and take and make prouision to bye or bargayne wolles, growyng, or that shall growe only within thesayed countie of Norfolk, in as large and lyke manet and fourme, as thesame inhabitauntes within thesayed countie & Cytie, might, and did vse to do, before the makyng of thesayed acte of Parliament, and as thesaied acte of Parliament had neuer bene had or made, so that thesame persone and persones so byynge or bargayning, or takyng promes to bye or bargayn thesaied wolles, do sell or Retayle thesame agayne in the cõmon market, and other open place within thesayed coũtie of Norfolk or Citie of Norwiche, to any persone or persones at their pleasure and libertye that wyll bye thesame, or anye peecell thereof, dwellynge and inhabitynge wythin thesaied countie and Cytie of Norwiche, or any of them, that shal or will spynne thesame wythin thesayed countye of Norfolk, and Cytie of Norwiche, or anye of theim, thesayed former acte, or any article, clause or sentence therein conteyned, or anye other acte or actes, lawe or ordynaunce, heretofore made, to the contrary therof in anywyse notwithstandyng.

And where in the Parliament holden at Westmynster the .xxxiii. yere of the reygne of oure sayed late Soueregne Lorde the Kynge, yt was emongest other thynges, enacted thus as ensuethe, or lyke in effecte, that is to saye, that no persone or persones from henseforthe, shoulde bye ne cause to be boughte wythin the sayed Cytie of Norwiche, or Countye of Norfolk, anye yarne spunne of the rocke, called woolsted yarne, the whiche shoulde then after that be spunne wythin thesayed Countie or Cytie, but such person or persones beyng weuers of woolsted, Russelles, Stampne, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes, wythin thesayed Cytie or Countye, that should weue or worke, or cause to be wouen and wrought in woolsted, Stampne, Russelles, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes,

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thesayd yarne so bought or caused to be bought wythin thesayde Cytie or Countey, in the Cytie of Norwyche, or in some market toune wythin thesayde Countey: vpon the peyne and forfaicture, for euery pound weyght of thesaid yarne called woolsted yarne, so bought wythi thesayd Countey or Cytie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforesaid, wythin thesaid Cytie or Countey, fourty shillynges, ỹ one haulfe therof to be to the kyng our souereygn Lord, & the other haulfe therof to be to hym, or theym that should then after that, sewe for the same, by byll, Informacion, Actiõ of debt, or otherwyse, in any courte of recorde, in whyche said action, byl, or informatiõ, no essoyne, wager of lawe, foreyn plea, or protection should be allowed. And wher it is also ordeyned in thesayd acte that if anye person or persones dyd, after the fyrste daye of Aprill then next after thesayd acte ensuyng, shyp, or cary, or cõueyghe, or cause to be shypped, to carye or cõueyghe into the parties beyond the sea, or dyd carye or cõueygh into the partes beyond the sea, any yarne called wolsted yarne, not made or wrought in cloth, so that suche yarne wer spunne wythin thys realme, that then euery person and persones so shyppyng, conueighyng & caryng, or causyng suche yarne so to be shypped, caryed & cõueyghed, should forfaict for euery poũd of woolsted yarne so shypped, cõueyed or caryed. xl. s. the one haulfe therof to be to our sayd souereygn Lord the kyng, and the other haulfe therof to hym, or theym, that should sue for thesame, by byll, Informacion, or action of debt in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, as in thesayd acte, thesame or the lyke in effect: more playnly dothe and may appere. And forasmuche as thesayd acte was made and ordeyned to cõtynue and endure vntyll the parliament then after that next ensuyng, and hathe bene sythens by other generall actes contynued vntyll thys present parliament, and was not by any of thesayd actes ordeyned to cõtynue for euer: It maye now please the kynges moost excellente Maiestye, wyth the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in thys present parliament assembled, and by aucthorytie of thesame, that all the afore recited acte for yarne, with al ỹ woordes, forfaictures peynes & sentẽces before recyted, as thesame be, before recyted & declared, maye, from henseforth be enacted to contynue and to be taken for an act to contynue for euer, to al intentes and purposes, accordynge to thesayde wordes, sentences and the purport therof before in thys acte recyted.

Prouided allwaye, that it shalbe lefull to euery person and persones, beyng a hat maker or hat makers, dwellyng wythin thesayde Cytie of Norwyche, to bye suche of thesaid woolsted yarne, as is called & knowen by the name of myddell vse yarne, as they and euery of theim haue heretofore done and vsed to do, so that thesame myddell vse yarne, so bought by thesayd hat makers or hat maker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hat makyng, wythin thesayd Cytie: any thyng before recyted, to the contrary therof notwythstandyng.

¶ Cap. vii.

¶ An acte for the contynuaunce of actions after the deathe of any Kyng.

Where ye kiges subiectes heretofore haue, to their great costes, charges, and expēses prosecuted and sued dyuerse and sundrye actions, aswell reall and personal, as all other actions, myxt, or otherwyse, in the Kynges Maiesties courtes and other courtes of recorde, not only by writtes, but also by pleynt, or billes, whyche actions, sutes, bylles and pleyntes, by the deathe, or demyse of the Kynges of thys realme, haue bene dyscontynued, & the parties in euery suche actions, sutes, bylles, and pleyntes, therby haue bene put wythoute daye, wherby the demaundauntes, pleyntiffes, and actors in euery suche action and sute were compelled and dryuen by the ordre of the lawes of thys realme, for their further reamedy, to commece and begynne agayn, hys, or their sayde Actions, Sutes, or pleyntes, or els to prosecute, and sue Resommons, Attachementes, Scire facias, or suche other lyke processe, to reuyue his or theyr sayd actions, sutes or pleyntes, whyche was not only to theyr great costes, charges, expēses, hynderaunces and delaye of their causes and sutes, but also a great let and hynderaunce of iustice: for reformation wherof, be it ordeyned, establysshed and enacted by the Kyng our souereygn Lord, and the Lordes and Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthorite of thesame, that from hensfurth by the deathe or demise of the kynges Maiestie, that now is (whose lyfe allmyghty God long preserue, kepe, & maynteyn in his moost royall estate) nor by the deathe or demyse of any that hereafter shalbe Kyng of this realme, any action, sute, byl, or pleynt now, or that hereafter shall depend betwene partie and partie in any of the courtes aforesayd, shall not in any wise be dyscōtynued or put wout daye: But that the processe, pleyes, demurres and contynuaunces in euery action, actions, sutes, bylles, or pleyntes, whych nowe, or that hereafter shall depend, shal stand good and effectual, and be prosecuted and sued furth in suche maner and forme, and in thesame estate, condicion and ordre, as if thesame Kyng had lyued or contynued in full lyfe, the deathe or demyse hereafter of any Kyng of this realme not wslandyng. And that al and all maner of iudicial processe that hereafter shalbe had or pursued in the tyme of the reygn of any other Kyng, then reygned at the tyme of the pursuyte of the original, or other former processe, shalbe made in the name of the Kyng, that for the tyme shal reygn and be kyng of this realme, and that variaunce touchyng thesame processe betwene the names of the kynges, shall not be in any wyse materiall, as concernyng any default to be alleged or obiected therfore.

And also be it further established & enacted by ye aucthorite aforsaid, ye al & euery Assise of nouel disseysyn, assise of mortdauncestor, Iuris vtrum

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and atteynt, whyche at any tyme hereafter shalbe arraygned, cōmenced or sued before any of the Kynges iustices of assyse, shall not from hensfurth be dyscontynued or put wythout day, by reason of death, newe cōmission, association, or not cōmyng of thesame iustices of assise, or any of theym, but shal stand good & effectual in the lawe, to al intentes, cōstructions & purposes, the death, new cōmission, association, or not commyng of thesame iustices, or any of theym in any wyse not wstandyng. ¶ And ouer ẏ, be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, ẏ albeit any demaūdaunt or pleyntife in any maner of actiō, byll or sute, shal fortune to be made or created, duke, Archebisshop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bisshop, Knyght, iustice of ẏ one bench, or of ẏ other, or sergeaūt at lawe, dependyng thesame action, byll or sute, yet ẏ not wstandyng, ẏ no wryt, action or suyte, shal for suche cause, in any wyse be abatable or abated, but shall remayn in lyke force, goodnes & strength, as thesame was before, any lawe or vsage to the cōtrary in any wise not wstanding.

And also be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, ẏ albeit any persō or persones, beyng iustice of assise, iustice of Gaole delyuery, or iustice of peace wythin any of ẏ Kynges dominions, or beyng in any other of the Kynges commissions whatsoeuer, shall fortune to be made or created Duke, Archebisshop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bisshop, Knyght, iustice of the one benche or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, or Shirief, yet ẏ notwithstandyng, he & they shal remayn iustice & Cōmissioner, & haue full power & aucthorite to execute thesame, in lyke maner & forme, as he or they might or ought to haue done before ẏsame.

And be it ordeined & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid that in al cases, wher any persō or persones heretofore haue bene, or hereafter shalbe found gyltie of any maner of Treason, Murder, Māslaughter, rape, or other felony whatsoeuer, for the whyche, iudgement of death shoulde or may ensue, and shalbe repried to pryson wythout iudgement at that tyme geuen agaynst hym, her, or theim, so found giltie, that those persones that at any tyme hereafter shal by the Kynges lettres patentes be assigned iustices to deliuer the Gaole, wher any suche ꝑson or persones foūd giltie, shal remayn, shal haue full power & aucthoritie to geue iudgemēt of death agaynst suche person so found gyltie & repryed, as thesame iustices (before whom suche person or persones was, or were found giltie) myght haue done, if theyr Cōmission of Gaole delyuery had remayned & contynued in full force & strength. And ouer that, that no maner of processe or suyte, made, sued or had before any Justices of Assyse, Gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, Justice of peace, or other of the Kynges Cōmissioners, shal, ne in any wise be dyscōtynued by ẏ makyng & publisshyng of any new cōmissiō or associatiō, or by alteryng of the names of the Justices of Assise, Gaole delyuerey, Oyer and terminer, Justices of peace, or other the Kynges Cōmissioners, but that the new Justices of Assise, Gaole delyuerey, and of the peace & other cōmissioners, may pro-

ecde in euery behaulfe, as if the olde Commissions, & Justices and commissioners had styll remayned and contynued, not altered.

¶ Cap. viii.

¶ An act for confirmation of letters patentes.

WHere the kynges moost excellent hyghnes, sythe the eyght and twenty day of January, in the fyrst yere of his Maiestes reygn, aswell vpon dyuerse and sundry good cõsyderaciõs his Maiestye specially mouyng as alio otherwyse, hathe bargayned, solde, exchaunged, geuen, restored and graunted by his graces seuerall lettres patentes, Indentures or other wrytynges, sealed vnder his highnes great seale of England, the seale of his duchy of lancastre, and the seale of the court of augmentaciõ and the reuenues of his crowne, or any of theym, aswel to bodyes politique and corporate, as to dyuerse and sundry of his louyng & obedyent subiectes, dyuerse and sundry Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruyces, Personages appropriated, Aduousyons, Tythes, Oblacions, Pencions, Porcions, Fraunchyses, Pryuyleges, Libertyes and other hereditamẽtes, cõmodyties & profites in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or lifes, or for terme of yeres, as in the same seuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wrytynges is mencioned and declared: In auoydyng, disturbyng, hurtyng or hynderyng of the sayd seuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wrytynges, and of the sayd Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamẽtes and other thynges in theim conteyned, sundry & many ambiguyties, doubtes and questiõs, haue, or myght hereafter happẽ to be moued, obiected, alleged, inuented, procured or stryred, aswell for misnamyng, mysrecitall or none recital of any of the same Honors, Castelles, Mãnours, Landes, Tenementes & other the premisses, or any parcell therof, or for lack of fyndyng of officies, or inquisitions, of, and in the premysses, wherby the tytle of the kynges hyghnes therin ought to haue bene foũde before the makyng of the same letters patentes or other wrytynges, or for mysrecitall or none recital of leases therof before made, aswell of record, as not of record, or for lack of the certainty, myscasting, ratyng or settyng furth of the yerely values & rates of the premysses, or of the yerely Rentes reserued, of, & for the premysses, or any parcell therof, mẽcyoned or conteyned in any of the said lettres patẽtes, or other wrytynges, or for ỹ the premisses be, or any parte therof is valued to a more or lesse value in the said letters patentes or wrytynges, then the said Honours, Mannours, Landes, Tenemẽtes and other the premisses, then were, or shalbe in yerely value, or for mysnamyng of the Townes, Hamlettes, parisshes or counties, where the same Honours, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Hereditamentes & other the premisses, and euery parcel therof, or any parcel therof lyen or been, or for lack of the true namyng of ỹ natures, kyndes, sortes, and quantyties of the said possessiõs,

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or hereditamentes or any pertell therof, or for lack of ỳ true nampng of the corporacion of thesame bodyes pollitike or Corporate, or for lack of attornement, lyuerey or season, or for mysnampng of any of the late Tenauntes or fermours of thesame premisses so solde geuen, graunted or exchaunged, as for dyuerse & sundry other suggestions & surmyses not comprised in thesaid letters patentes, whyche herafter myght happen to be moued, surmysed or procured agaynst thesame lettres patentes: For remedy & reformacio wherof, be yt ordeyned and enacted by the kynges moost excellent highnes w̄ thassent of the lordes spiritual, & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by ỳ aucthorite of thesame, ỳ aswell all & euery thesaid letters patentes, indentures & other writynges & euery of theim sealed w̄ or vnder ỳ seale or seales aboue named or any of theym, made or graunted by the kynges highnes sythens the xxviii. daye of Januarii last past, as also all & synguler hys graces letters patentes, Indentures & other writynges herafter, duryng hys highnes life (whyche our Lord long continue) to be had, made or graunted w̄ or vnder any of ỳ seales aboue saide to any body pollitike or corporate, or to any other person or persones of any Honours, Castelles, Mānours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, reuersions, seruices, personages, Tithes, pcions, porcios, aduousions, nominacios, presentacios, Fraūchises, liberties, & other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions & profites of what kynde, nature or qualite so euer they or any of theim be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of theim be, is or shalbe named, knowen or reputed, shal stand & be taken, reputed and iudged, good, sure, perfite, effectuall & auayleable in the lawe, duryng ỳ states in theym lymitted & specefied, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, agaynst the kyng, his heyres, & successours, wout any cōfirmacion, lycence, dispensacio or tollcracion of the kyng his heyres or successors, any ỳ causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteyned, or herafter duryng his said highnes lyfe, to be conteyned, had or made in any suche letters patentes, Indentures or other writynges, by the kyng our souereygn Lord, to the contrary in any wise notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwaye, that this act ne any thyng theryn conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to reuyue or make good any letters patētes made of any office or offices to any Cōptroller, Customer, Alneger or Sercher, ne to any letters patentes of ỳ graunte, of any other office or offices hertofore graūted or made by our sayd souereygn Lord ỳ kyng whyche nowe is, or be, or at any tyme hertofore haue bene adnihilated, determyned or made voyde by iudgement by auctho rite of parliament or by decree, nor to any patent to be made to any person or persones for terme of yeres or duryng ỳ minorite of any heyre, of or in any Mannours, Lādes or Tenementes, wherof any trauerse hereafter shalbe tendred wthin thre monethes after any office found & certifyed into any of the kynges courtes of recorde, ne to any leases or grauntes of any Mānours, Lā-

des, or Tenementes of our said souereign Lorde hereafter to be made vnder any of ꝑ seales of the courtes aforesayd, cõtrary to the limitacõ, ordynaunce prouision, establyshment & aucthorityte of thesame courtes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwythstandyng.

Prouided also and be yt enacted, that this acte nor any thing therin conteyned, shall not extend to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect force, or stregth, then thesame letters patentes were, or should haue bene before the makyng of this acte.

Prouided allwaye, and be yt enacted by the auctherite aforesaid that al & synguler suche patentees, grauntees, donees, as any tyme hereafter duryng the lyfe of our sayd souereygn Lord (whyche allmyghtye God long preserue) shall fortune to haue or obteyne, any Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes, of the gyft, graunt, sale or exchaunge of the kynges Maiestye, or of the onlye gift of the kynges Maiestye, of his moost liberall disposicion & not sonde, whych at ꝑ day of ꝑ date of ꝑ letters patentes, therof made, shalbe of more, or better yerely value to the kyng in yerely rent and farme, then shalbe conteyned, mencyoned and specefyed in any suche letters patentes and particulars therof made by the partycular surueyour or surueyours therof, & in suche bill or billes, as shalbe sygned and sealed wyth the hand or hãdes of the patente or patẽtees therof to be exhibited to the kynges Maiestye, or his officer or officers, wythin whose surueye thesaid Mannours, Landes and Tenementes and other the premisses, or any parte therof shalbe, or wythin any of theim, whyche byll shalbe sygned, sealed, had and made as is aforesaid, before any byll shalbe therof signed by the kynges maiestie: that then euery of thesayd patẽtees, grauntees & donees, their heyres, executors, or administratours, wythin one yere next after due proffe and decrees therof made and had in the courte, wythin whose surueye thesame Castelles, Manours, Lãdes, Tenementes and other the premisses, or any percel therof, before thesaid giftes and grauntes were, shall content and paye to the kyng for thesame ouerplus and more value of thesame Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions, and other hereditamentes to hym sold or exchaunged, after suche rate, as other Landes and Tenementes, were before to hym sold or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes as shall happen to be geuen by ꝑ kynges maiestye, & not sold, as is abouesaid, thesaid patente, his heyres, executors or administrators shall content and paye to the kyng, after ꝑ rate of twenty yeres purchase, so that thesame proffe and decree be had & made in maner and forme abouesayd wythin .x. yeres next after the date of the sayd letters patentes.

¶ An acte for the vnityng of certayn churches wythin the Cytie of Yorke.

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¶ Cap. ix.

Where in the auncient Cytie of Yorke and ſuburbes of the=ſame, there is many pariſhe churches, whych heretofore, ẏ ſame beyng well inhabited and replenyſſhed wyth peo=ple, was good and honeſt lyuynges for learned incumbe=tes, by reaſon of the preuy tythes of ẏ ryche merchauntes & of the offerynges of a great multitude: whyche lyuynges is nowe ſo muche decayed by the ruyne & decaye of theſaid Cytie and of ẏ trade of merchaundiſe there, that the reuenues & proffites of dyuerſe of theſame benefices are at this preſent, not aboue the clere yerely value of .xxvi.ſ. viii.d. ſo that a great ſorte of theym are not a competent and honeſt ly=uyng for a good curate: ye, and no perſon will take the cure, but that of neceſſitie ther is ſome chauntrye preſt or elles ſome late religious ſon beyng a ſtipendary taken and appoynted to theſaid Cure and Benefice, whyche for the mooſt parte are vnlearned and very ignorant perſones, not hable to do any parte of their duetie: By reaſon wherof, theſaid Cy tie is not only replenyſſhed wyth blynd guydes and paſtors: but alſo the people muche kept in ignorannce, aſwell of their duties towardes God, as alſo towardes the kynges maieſtie and the common wealthe of this realme, and to the great daungier of their ſoules: In conſideracion wherof, and for the better relief & order of theſaid Cytie, it maye pleaſe the kynges maieſtie by thaſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall & temporal, & ẏ cõmons in this preſent Parliamẽt aſſembled and by ẏ auctho=rite of the=ſame, that frõ henſforth yt ſhalbe laufull to ẏ Maiour and Recorder of theſaid Cytie, and to the ordinary or his deputy & .vi. Juſtices of peace in theſayd Cytie, to vnite and knyt together theſayd paryſſhes into a fewer number, that is to wyt, ſo many of theſayd paryſſhes into one pa=ryſſhe, as to theim ſhalbe thought conuenyent to be a lyuyng for one ho=neſt incumbent, ſo the clere yerely value of one pariſhe excede not .xx.l. by yere, and ſo to procede thorough the ſayde Cytie and Suburbes of theſame. And that it ſhalbe leful for theſayd Maiour, Recorder and Al=dermen to pull doune the Churches, whyche they ſhall thynke ſuper=fluous in theſayd Cytie and Suburbes of theſame, and to beſtowe the=ſame toward the reparaciõs and enlargement of the other Churches, of the Bryages in theſayd Cytie, and to the relief of the poore people. And further, that theſayd Maiour, Recorder, Ordinary, or his deputy and vi. Juſtices of peace beyng Aldermen, ſhal allotte and appoynt the pre=ſentment and patronage of the Churche ſo vnyted to the patrons of all the Churches, to knyt in one paryſſhe, that they maye make theyr pre=ſentmentes by turne, euery one accordyng to their quantyte of hys for=mer patronage.

Prouyded allwayes and be yt enacted by the auctho=rite afore=ſayde, that all ſuche incumbentes of the Churches afore=ſayde, that ſhalbe put doune by vertue of thys Acte, ſhall haue the yerely value of

their benefices after the rate they do paye tenthes duryng their lyues, so they will do seruyce therfore in the churche appoynted for the parisshe churche, accordyng to theyr former dueties: And if they refuse to serue, then they only duryng their lyues to haue ỳ third parte of the value as is aforesaid, and to be payd at the handes of the incũbent of the parisshe Churche to be appoynted.

Prouyded also, & be it enacted by the authorite aforesaid, that ỳ Incumbentes of euery suche Churche, whyche by vertue of this acte shalbe made & ordeyned for ỳ parisshe Churche, & wherunto any other parisshe or parisshes shalbe vnited, shall after the vnion therof, yerely paye the Tenthes to be due for thesame to the kynges Maiestie his heyres & successors, of thesame Churche and of all other Churches therunto vnyted & annered. And thesaid incumbentes of the parisshe churche so vnited to haue his allowaunce of the incũbentes of the churches so vnited therũto, duryng their seuerall lyues, accordyng to the rate & portiõ of ỳ churches so vnited as shalbe assigned by the abouesayd psones hauyng authorite by this acte to vnite thesame. And the successor and successors of euery suche incumbent of euery suche churche as shalbe made ỳ parisshe churche, and wherunto any Churche and parisshe shalbe vnited by force of this acte, shall paye or compound for the fyrst fruytes therof at euery auoydaunce before his induction to thesame, accordyng to suche yerely value as suche churche or Churches as shalbe made a parisshe churche, and wherunto any churche or churches, parisshe or parisshes shalbe vnited by force of this acte, shalbe of at the tyme of the vnion therof, and as yf yt had bene of suche lyke yerely value at the tyme of makyng of ỳ statute for first frutes and Tenthes, and of no greater value, any ordynaunce, statute or lawe to the contrary notwythstandyng.

¶ Cap. x.

¶ An act for Exigentes and Proclamacions in Wales, and in the Countie Palentine of Chester, and also in the Cytie of Chester.

WHere in the high Courte of Parliamente, holden at Westmynster in the .xxvii. yere of the moste prospetous reigne of the late famous kyng Hery the VIII. by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons assembled in thesaid high Courte of Parliamente: It was enacted and stablysshed by authorite of thesame parliament, that hys hyghnes dominion and principalitie of Wales, & al Hanours Landes, Tenementes, and other dominions, wythin thesaid dominion & principalitie of Wales, should be deuided into twelue shires, or Counties that is to say: the Shires or Counties, of Glamorgã Radnour, Brecknocke, Karmerthyn, Penbroke, Cardygan, Meryonneth, Mõgomery, Flynt, Carnaruã, Anglesy, & Denbigh, in euery of whyche

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saied Counties & Shires, emōgest the officers yerely appointed, it was then ordeyned, ꝑ there should be distinct & seuerall Shirieles yerely: & also where the Coũties Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, be auncient & seuerall Counties Palentine of themselfes, in al whyche saied Counties, the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamation awarded vpon any exigente against any person, or persones, in any actiō, wherein processe of outlarie doth lye, accordig to the statute made in the sixt yere of the reign of the saied late kyng, cānot bee directed vnto the Shirief, or Shirieles of any of the sayd Shires or Counties, but vnto the Shirief of the Countie next adioynyng: So ꝑ ꝑ partie dwellyng in any of the saied Shires, or Coũties, agaynst whom any suche exigent & Proclamation shalbe so awarded, shall not nor can haue any knowledge of ꝑ same sute, or processe, by reason whereof, many of the persones inhabityng in the sayed Shires & Counties, without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue been wrongfully & vniustly vtlaged, to their vtter vndoyng: Be it therfore, & for diuerse other good cōsideraciōs, by ꝑ kyng our souereygn Lord, w ꝑ assent of ꝑ lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present parliamēt assembled & by the auctheritie of the same, enacted, ordeined, & established, that if, & whensoeuer any writ of exigent, at any tyme after the first day of Apryll next cōmyng, shalbe awarded at ꝑ suite of ꝑ kyng, or of any other person, or persones, plaintief, or plaintieles, in any actiō or suite, in any of the Courtes of our saied souereygn Lord the kyng, his heyres, or successours, commonly called ꝑ kynges Benche, & the Common Place, against any person, or persones, dwellyng in any of ꝑ aforesaied Coũties in Wales, or in the said Counties Palētine of Chester, or of the Cytie of Chester, or in any of thē: ꝑ then immediatly vpon ꝑ awardyng of euery suche exigēt, ꝑ Justice, or Justices, before whom any suche writte of exigent, vpon suche suite or action, shalbe sued, shall haue full power and auctheritie to awarde one writte of proclamation, accordyng to ꝑ tenor & effecte of proclamations awarded vpō exigētes, directed out of any of the saied Courtes, into Londō, against any plon, dwellyng in any other Shire, where ꝑ kynges writte is currant, accordyng to ꝑ order & forme of the saied statute made in the sixt yere of the sayed late kyng, to bee directed to suche of ꝑ aforesaid Shirieles of any of ꝑ aforesayed Coũties in Wales, & of ꝑ Coũties Palētine of Chester, & of ꝑ Cytie of Chester, for ꝑ tyme beyng, where it shall happen the said defendaũt, against whō any suche action shalbe sued, as is aforesaied, to bee dwellyng: And that euery suche writte of Proclamation shall haue the same teste & daye of returne, as ꝑ exigētes, wherupō euery suche writ of proclamatiō shalbe awarded, shal haue: And ꝑ euery suche Shirief, to whō any suche writte of proclamatiō shalbe directed, shall make proclamatiō of the saied writ of proclamatiō, accordyng to the tenor of the same, and shall make true returne of ꝑ same, in suche Courte, and before suche Justices, as ꝑ tenor of the same

of thesame writte, shall require and demaunde. And that all outlaryes hereafter to be promulged or pronounced, against any person or persones, vpon any suche exigent or exigentes, awarded agaynst any persone or persones dwellyng in any of thesayde Counties of Wales, and the Counties Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, and no writte of Proclamacion awarded in forme abouesayed, to ẏ Shirief or Sheriefes of the Countie, where the partie defendaunt shalbe, as is abouesayed dwellyng or not returned, to bee clerely voyde, and of none effecte, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that al & euery Sherief and Shiriefes, of euery of thesayed Counties of Wales, & of the Counties Palentine of Chester, and the Cytie of Chester aforesaied, shal haue in euery of thesaid Courtes of the Kynges Benche, and of the Common place, one sufficient deputie at the least, to receyue all writtes directed to suche the Sherief or Sheriefes, for whom, thesame deputie, or deputies shalbe appoynted in lyke maner and forme, and vpon lyke peynes, as by the former statutes and lawes of this realme, other Shyriefes of other Shires, or Counties within thys realme of England, be bounden to haue, in eyther of thesame Courtes: and that all writtes of Proclamation aforesayed, shalbe delyuered vnto euery suche deputie of Record in thesame Courtes: and also like fees shalbe paied for makyng euery suche writte of proclamation, and for enrollyng thesame of Record, as is limited in thesayed statute, made in thesayed sixt yere of the reygn of our saied late souereygn Lord Kyng Henry the eyght.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, ẏ if any person, dwellyng in any of thesaied Coũties of Wales, after the aforesaied fyrst day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed in any suite or action aforesaid, that thẽ writtes of special Capias utlagat̃, single Capias utlagat̃, nõ molestand. & al other processe, for, or against any person outlawed, shall, and maye frõ thensfurth be directed to the Shirief of any of thesayd Counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the Kynges saied Courtes, of the kynges Bẽche or cõmõ Place, in that behaulf: and that euery suche writtes may be deliuered of Record, to the deputie of suche of thesaied Shyriefes, to whõ any suche writte or processe, shalbe directed, & that euery suche Shirief, shal make executiõ & returne of euery suche writ of processe to hym directed, vpon like peyn & penaltie, as is aboue limited.

And be it further enacted, and established, ẏ if any suche writ or writtes of proclamatiõ hereafter directed to any of the Shiriefes, of any of thesayd Shires in Wales, or Coũties Palentine of Chester, or of ẏ Cytie of Chester, be delyuered vnto any of thesaied Shiriefes, for the tyme beyng, or to his, or their deputie, in maner & forme aforesaid: & thesame Shirief or Shiriefes, do not make true returne of euery suche writ and writtes of proclamatiõ, into suche Court & Courtes, out of whyche thesaid writ or writtes of proclamatiõ shalbe awarded; that for euery such default,

default, of none returne, euery ſuche Shiriek for the tyme beyng, ſhall loſe & forfaict. v.l. the one haulfe therof ſhalbe to our ſouereygn Lorde the kyng, his heyres, and ſucceſſors: the other haulfe to any ſuche perſon or perſones, as wyll ſue for theſame in an actiō of debte, grounded vpō this acte, in any of ỹ kynges Courtes of Recorde, wherein none eſſoyn, protection, or wager of lawe, ſhalbe allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extende, or be preiudiciall to theſame Counties of Wales, or to theſayed Coũties Palentine of Cheſter, or of the Cytie of Cheſter, for, or concernyng ſuche liberties, fraunncheſes, or priuileges, as belong to them, or any of them, or to any miniſters, or officers of them, or any of them, otherwiſe, or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this acte, is before prouided and declared: any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary notwythſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that this act, ne any thyng therin contained, ſhall not in any wiſe be preiudicial or hurtfull to any Lord, Marcher in Wales, but that they & euery of them, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them, ſhall & maye haue like libertie, intereſt and preeminence, as they, and euery of them, had, might, or ought to haue had before the makyng of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made: any thyng in thys acte mencioned, to the contrary in any wiſe notwythſtandyng.

¶ Cap. xi.

¶ An acte for the repeale of a certayn ſtatute, made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of mooſt famous memory, Henry the. viii. for reuokyng of actes of Parliament.

WHere in the Parliamēt begonne at Weſtmynſter the xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the. viii. it was enacted by the auctheritie of the ſayd Parliament, that if the Emperiall croune of thys Realme, after the deceaſſe of ỹ ſayd late kyng, ſhould diſcende, come or remayne to ỹ heyres of oure ſayde late ſouereygn lord, or to any ſon to bee limited by hys highnes, as of very right, it muſt & ought to do, accordig to ỹ lawes of this Realme, eſtabliſhed for theſame, theſayd heyres or ſuch perſon, beynge within the age of. xxiii. yeres, & that then any acte or actes of Parliament, ſhoulde happen to be made and eſtabliſhed in any Parliament, that then ſhould be holden before ſuche heire or heyres, perſon or perſons, then beyng in poſſeſſiō of the ſayd croune, ſhould be of their ful ages of. xxiii. yeres, that then euery ſuche heyre or heyres, of our ſayde late ſouereygn Lorde, or ſuch perſon, ſo poſſeſſed of the croune, beyng wythin theſame age of. xxiii. yeares, ſhould haue full

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power ⁊ aucthoritie at all tymes, after they shoulde come to their sayde full ages of.xxiiii.yeres, by their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of England to reuoke, adnull, ⁊ repel, al and singuler such actes. made ⁊ established by theyr royal assentes, in any Parliament holdē, duryng ẏ tyme, that they were wythin their sayd age of.xxiiii.yeres, their royall assentes had to thesame, duryng ẏ tyme, that they were wythin thesayde age of.xxiiii.yeres, or any acte or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwythstandyng. And it was also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery such repeale, adnullacion, and reuocation of any acte or actes that should be made and established in any Parliament, holden before the tyme, that suche heyres, or persone possessed of ẏ croune, should be of the sayd age of.xxiiii.yeres, shoulde be as good and effectuall, to al intentes ⁊ purposes, as though it had bene done by the aucthoritie of Parliamente, as in the sayde acte is more playnly declared: Sith the makyng of whiche estatute, it hath pleased almighty God to take vnto his mercy, our sayd late souereygn lord kyng Henry ẏ viii. Our now moost gratious ⁊ deere souereygn liege lorde, kyng Edward the, vi. hys sonne and heyre (whose lyfe God longe preserue) now beyng aboue the age of.x.yeres, and vnder the age of.xi.yeres: duryng whole minoritie, as the common wealthe of his highnes Realmes of England and Ireland, and of all the dominions and countreys of thesame, is, ⁊ moost necessariely oughte to be prouided for, maynteyned, ⁊ preserued: so is it ẏ naturall duety of euery good, true ⁊ louyng subiecte, to apply hym self wyth al hys power and diligence, to study, inuent, and practyse by al waies, meanes ⁊ mãners, for the conseruacion of thesame. And for asmuche as for the preseruacion of the royal estate of our said souereign Lord the kyng that now is, and the saufegard and suertie of hys moost royal person, and for the good tranquillitie quietnes, rest and peace of his sayd Realmes, countreys, dominiōs and subiectes, aswell wholsome lawes and statutes are to be ordeyned, established and prouided, as also some lawes ⁊ statutes to be repelled and adnulled, as the case shall requyre, accordyng to the dispositiō of the people, whyche cannot take any good effecte or successe, without actes ⁊ prouisions of Parliament to be made, before their ages of.xxiiii. yeres. And for ẏ is shoulde seme vnto all men, that the good intenciō, meanynge and purpose of the sayde late kyng, ⁊ of the makers of the sayde estatute, was not, ẏ good ⁊ wholsome lawes, whiche shoulde be made, prouided and ordeined, for the good gouernaunce of the Realmes and dominions aboue sayde, duryng the tyme, ẏ any kyng of thys Realme, shoulde be within the sayd age of.xxiiii. yeres, shoulde from the tyme of the deceasse of the auncestor or progenitor of any such kynge, within the age of.xxiiii. yeres, at the tyme of the death of ẏ sayde auncestor or progenitor, vntyll the age of,xxiiii, yeres, of any suche kyng, be made, demed ⁊ adiudged to be voyed by any suche lettres patētes, to al intētes ⁊ purposes, as though they neuer had bene

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made, but that thesayed actes & euery of them, and all and euery thynge and thynges vsed, committed, doen, suffered, or executed by aucthoritie of thesame, should be good, auaylable and perfyte in the lawe: And that thesayed reuocation, adnullation and repeale, should be taken, to make voyde thesaied actes, and euery of them onely, from the tyme of thesayd reuocation, adnullation and repeale, and not otherwyse: The contrarye entendement and exposition wherof, myght otherwyse, not onely discourage all subiectes durynge that tyme, and those yeres, to endeuor themselfes, to, and for the aduisyng, settyng furth, and consentyng to the makyng of good and wholsome lawes: but also should cause thesaied subiectes, to adiudge and thynke themselfes to lyue for that tyme, vnder no maner of certenty or assuraunce of any positiue law, or statute, durynge that tyme to be made or prouided: bee it therefore enacted, by the kyng oure souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliamente assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesayed acte of Parliamente aboue recited, made in thesayed .xxviii. yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng, and euery worde, article, clause, matter, sentence and thyng therein specifyed and conteyned, shall, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, be, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, vtterlye voyde, adnulled, repelled, and of none effect, and as though thesame had neuer bene had ne made. Neuertheless, to the intent the kynges Maiestie our souereigne Lorde, maye haue power, aucthoritie, preeminence and prerogatiue at hys full age of .xxiiii. yeres, or at anye tyme after, at his libertie and pleasure, to repeale all statutes and actes of Parliamente, aswell made in this present Parliament, as hereafter in any other Parliament to be holden, before he shall accomplyshe thesayed age of .xxiiii. yeres, to be made or ordeined, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the makers of thesayed former statute: Be it further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of thys present Parliament, that oure sayed souereigne lorde the kyng that now is, at his ful age of .xxiiii. yeres, or at any tyme after, and all, and euery heire, and heires of thesayed late kyng, & other persone and persones, to whom the Emperiall crowne of thys Realme shall hereafter descende, come, or remayn, by the appointment of thesaid late kyng, and by the statutes of thys Realme in the tyme of thesame late kyng, in that case prouided and made, then beynge within the age of .xxiiii. yeres shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of thys present acte, at all tymes, after he, or they shall come to his, or their full age of .xxiiii. yeres, by hys, or their letters Patentes, vnder the greate seale of Englande, to repeale all and synguler acte and actes, or anye of them, as be, or shalbe made, or established, by his, or their royal assentes in any Parliament holden, or to be holden, durynge the tyme that he, or they, was, were, or shalbe, within thesayed age of .xxiiii. yeres, other then this present acte of Parliament, and other then all pardons graunted,

and to be graunted, within thesaied seuerall ages, of.xxiiii.yeres, by aucthoritie of Parliamente, so that thesame repeale bee made and vsed in maner and fourme hereafter folowyng, that is to saye, that euery suche letters Patentes of repeale, shall conteyne all suche actes, as shalbe repelled, and shalbe solemply and openly proclaimed in the kynges court of Chauncery, betwene the houres of.ix.and.xi.before none, at three seuerall dayes, in euery of twoo of the foure vsuall Termes, to be holden at Westmynster, or els where, within this realme of Englande, and also one tyme in euery countie of this Realme, and in Wales, at the seuerall Assises, to be holden in thesame seueral counties, betwene lyke houres, and that then after fourtye dayes, nexte after suche Proclamation, in all and euery place and countie abouesaied, so had and made, thesaied letters Patentes of repeale, to take their force, strength and effecte, and not before, or from any other tyme or ceason, nor in anye other maner or forme. And that all and euery suche acte and actes, aswell made in thys Parliament, as hereafter to be made within thesaied age of.xxiiii.yeres, of our souereigne lorde the Kynges maiestie that now is, as in the tyme of any thesaied heire or heires, or other thesayed persone or persone, then beyng in possession of the imperiall croune of this realme, and vnder the age of.xxiiii.yeres, shalbee good and effectuall, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, vntill thesaied letters Patentes of repeale, proclamations, and fourtye dayes, shalbe so had, made, runne, and paste: and that all, and euery acte and actes, thyng and thinges, vsed, had, committed, doen, suffered or executed, by the aucthoritie of thesaied acte or actes, or any of them, within any of thesaied ages of.xxiiii.yeres accordyng to the purporte, tenor, and effecte of thesaied acte or actes, or any of theim, shalbe good and effectual for euer, thesaied repeale so to be made, in any wyse notwithstandynge. And that all and euery persone and persones, bodyes politique and corporate, shall, and maye by the aucthoritie of thys present acte, from tyme to tyme, aswell after thesaied repeale as before, pleade, or alledge, for his or their defence, excuse, indempnitie, profyte, benefyte, or aduauntage, all and euery suche acte and actes, or any of theim, so reuoked, adnulled or repelled, or to be reuoked, adnulled, or repelled, for, cōcernyng, or in any wyse touchyng any thyng or thynges, had, vsed, graunted, suffered, posseded, commytted, doen or accrued by the aucthoritie, sufferaunce, or force of thesayed acte and actes, or any of them, before the reuocatiō, adnullation or repealyng of thesame, in such, and as ample maner and fourme, as yf thesayed acte and actes so to be reuoked, adnulled or repelled, and euery of them, had stande in his, and their full strength, force, and effecte, and as yf thesayed acte or actes, had neuer been reuoked, adnulled, or repelled: anye thynge in suche repeale conteyned, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it also ordeyned, and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that no Kyng, or Kynges of this realme, shall haue

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aucthoritie, power or prerogatiue, to repeale any acte of Parliament or statute that shalbe made in the tyme of any kyng, before the saied age of xxiiii. yeres, other then such, as be, or shalbe made in his awne tyme, any thyng aboue mencioned, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

An acte for the repeale of certayn statutes, concernyng Treasons, Felonies. &c. The. xii. Chapiter.

NOthyng beynge more Godly, more sure, more to be wyshed and desyred, betwixte a Prince, the supreme heade and ruler, and the subiectes, whose gouernour and heade he is, then on the Princes part, great clemencie and indulgentie, and rather to muche forgeuenesse and remission of hys royall power and iuste punishement then exact seueritie & iustice to be shewed: and on the subiectes behaulfe, that they should obeye rather for loue, and for the necessitie & loue of a kyng and prince, then for feare of his streight, and seuere lawes: yet suche tymes, at some tyme commeth in the common wealth, that it is necessary and expedient, for the repressyng of the insolentie and vnrulynes of menne, and for the foreseyng and prouidyng of remedies agaynst rebellion, insurrection, or suche mischefes, (as God sometyme beynge wyth vs displeased, for oure punishment doth inflicte and laye vpon vs) or the deuyll at Gods permission, to assaye the good and Gods electe, doth sowe, and set emonges vs, the whiche almightie God, with his healp and mannes pollicie, hath alwayes been content and pleased, to haue stayed, that sharper lawes, as a harder brydle, should be made, to staye those men, and factes, that myght els bee occasion, cause and aucthors of further inconuenience: The whiche thyng caused the Prince of moste famous memorie, kyng Henry the. VIII. father to our sayed souereigne lorde the kyng, and other hys hyghnes progenitors, with the assent of the nobles and commons, at diuerse Parliamentes, in theyr seuerall tymes holden, to make and enacte certayne lawes and statutes, whiche myght seme and appere to men of exterior realmes, and many of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, very streyght, sore, extreme and terrible, although they were then, when they were made, not without greate consideracion and pollicie moued and established, and for the tyme, to the aduoydaunce of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessary. But as in tempest or wynter, one course, and garment is conuenient, in calme or warme weather, a more liberall rase, or lighter garment, bothe maye, and ought to be folowed and vsed: So we haue seen diuerse streight and sore lawes made in oure Parliamente, the tyme so requiryng, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another Prince, by the lyke aucthoritie and Parliament

repelled and taken awaye. The whiche moste high clemencie, and royall example of his Maiesties moste noble progenitours, the kynges highnes, of his tendre and Godly nature, more geuen to mercye and loue of his subiectes, willyng to folow: and perceyuyng the hartye and syncere loue, that his moste louyng subiectes, both the lordes and cõmons, doth beare vnto his highnes, now in this his Maiesties tendre age, willyng also to gratifye thesame therfore: and myndyng further to prouoke his sayed subiectes, with greate indulgencie and clemencie, shewed on hys highnes behalfe, to more loue and kyndenes towardes his Maiestie (yf it maye be) and vpon trust, that they wyll not abuse thesame, but rather be encoraged thereby, more faithfully, & with more diligence (yf it maye be) and care for his Maiestie, to serue his highnes now, in this his tendre age, is contented and pleased that the seueritie of certain lawes here folowyng, be mitigated and remitted: Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that from henceforth, none acte, dede, or offence, beyng by acte of Parliament or statute, made treason, or petit treason, by wordes, writyng, cyphryng, dedes, or otherwyse whatsoeuer, shalbe taken, had, demed, or adiudged to be high treason, or petit treason but onely suche as be treason or petit treason, in, or by the acte of Parliament, or statute, made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of the mooste noble kyng of famous memorye, kyng Edward the. iii, touchyng, or concernyng treason, or the declarations of treasons: and suche offences as hereafter shal by this present acte be expressed and declared, to be treason or petit treason, and none other, nor that anye peynes of death, penaltie or forfaicture in any wise ensue, or be, to any of the offendours, for the doyng or committyng any treason, or petit treason, other then suche, as be in thesayed estatute made in thesayed. xxv. yere of the reigne, of thesayed kyng Edward the thyrd, or by this present estatute ordeyned or prouided: any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, had, or made at any tyme heretofore, or after thesayed .xxv. yere of the reigne, of thesaied late kyng Edward the third, or any other declaration or matter to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that all actes of Parliament, and estatutes, touchyng mencionyng, or in anye wyse concernyng religion or opinions, that is to saye, aswell the statute made, in the first yere of the reigne, of the kynges noble progenitour, kyng Richarde the seconde, and the statute made in the seconde yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the fifth, and the statute also made in the. xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the eight, concernyng punishment and reformation of Heretiques and Lollardes, and euery prouysion therein conteyned, and the statute made for the abolishement of diuersitie of opinions, in certayn Articles, concernyng Christian religion, commonly

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called the sixe articles, made in the Parliament, begon at Westmynster, the.xxviii.daye of Apryll, in the.xxxi.yere of the reigne, of the moste noble and victorious Prince, of moste famous memory, Kyng Henry the eight, father to oure sayed moste dread soueraigne Lorde the Kyng that now is: and also the acte of Parliamente and statute, made at the Parliament, begon at Westmynster, the.xvi.daye of Januarii, in the.xxxiii. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late Kyng Henry the eight, and after that proroged vnto the.xxii.daye of Januarii, in the.xxxiiii.yere of the reigne of thesayed late Kyng Henry the eight, touchyng mencionyng, or in any wyse concernyng bokes of the Olde and Newe Testamente in Englishe, and the printyng, vttering, sellyng, geuyng or deliueryng, of bokes, or wrytynges, and reteignyng of English bokes or wrytynges, and readyng preachyng, teachyng, or expoundyng of Scripture, or in anye wyse, touchyng, mencionyng or concernyng anye of thesame matters. And also one other statute, made in the Parliamēt holden at Westminster, in the.xxxv.yere of the reigne, of thesaied late Kyng Henry the.viii. concernyng the qualification of the statute of sixe Articles, and all and euery other acte or actes of Parliament, cōcernyng doctrine, or matters of Religion, and all, and euery braunche, artycle, sentence, and matter, peynes and forfaictures, conteyned, mencioned, or in any wise declared, in any of thesame actes of Parliamēt, or estatutes, shal, from hensfurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And be it further ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that all offences made felonye, by any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made sythens the.xxiii.daye of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne of thesayed late Kyng Henry the eight, not beyng felony before, and also, all and euery the braunches and Articles mencioned, or in any wyse declared, in any of thesame Statutes, concernyng the makyng of any offence or offences to be felony, not beynge felony before: & all peynes, and forfaictures, concernyng thesame, or any of theim, shall, from hensefurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it also ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that one acte made in the parliamēt holden at Westminster, in the.xxxi. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eighte, that Proclamations made by the Kynges highnes, by the aduyse of hys honorable counsaill, should be obeyed and kept, as though they were made by aucthoritie of parliament: And also one other acte made in the parliament, holden in the.xxxiiii.yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, for the due execution of thesayed proclamations: and also, all and euery braunche, article, & matter in thesame statutes, & in euery of theim mencioned or declared, shall, from hensefurthe be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed that if any persone or persones, at any tyme after the first daye of Marche nexte commyng, by

open preachyng, expresse woordes or sayinges, do affirme, or set furthe, that the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or ought not to be supreame heade in yearth, of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediatly vnder God: or that the Bishop of Rome, or any other persone, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to de by the lawes of God, supreme heade of thesame Churches, or of any of them: or that the kyng, his heires or successors, kynges of this realme, is not, or ought not to be the kyng of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, or of any of them: or after thesaied first daye of Marche, do compasse, or imagyn by open preachyng, expresse woordes, or sayinges, to depose or deprive the kyng, his heires, or successors, kynges of this realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles to, or of the realmes aforesayed, or do openly publishe, or saye by expresse woordes or sayinges, that any other person, or persons other then the kyng, his heires, or successors, kynges of this realme, of right ought to be kynges of the realmes aforesayed, or of any of them, or to haue and enioye thesame, or any of them: that then euery suche offendor, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of this realme, their aidours, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, for his or their suche first offence, shall lose and forfaict to the kyng, all hys, and their goodes, and cattalles, and also shal haue and suffre imprisonmēt of his, and their bodyes, at the kynges wyll and pleasure. And if any persone, beyng once cōuicted or attaynted of any of thesayed offences, shall, after his sayed conuiction or attainder, eftsones comit or perpetrate any of the offences before mēcioned, other then such, as be expressed in thesayed statute made in thesayed. xxv. yere of kyng Edward the thirde, and shalbe thereof duely conuicted or attainted, by the lawes of this realme: that then euery suche offendor, their aidours, comfortors, abbettors, procurors and counsailors, for his, or their sayed second offence, or offences, shall lose and forfaict to the kyng, the whole issues and profytes of all hys, and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefyces, prebendes, and other spirituall promotions for terme of the life of such offendor or offendors: and shal also lose and forfaicte to the kyng, all hys, and their goodes, and cattalles, and also suffre, duryng his, and their lyfes, perpetuall imprisonment, of his, and their bodyes. And yf anye person, beyng two tymes hereafter conuicted or attainted of any of thesame offences, shall, after his saied second conuiction or attainder, eftsones cōmit or perpetrate again, any of thesaied offences, and be thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then euery suche thyrd offence or offences, shalbee demed and adiudged hygh treason, and the offendor and offendors, their aidors, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, beyng therein conuicted or attainted, according to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traitors, and shall

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suffre peynes of death, and lose & forfaicte all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that yf anye person, or persones, at any tyme after thesaied first daye of Marche next commyng, by wrytyng, pryntyng, ouert deede or acte, do affyrme, or setfurth, that the kyng of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or oughte not to be supreme heade in yearth of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediately vnder God: or shall, by wrytyng, printyng, ouert dede, or acte, after thesaied first daye of March, affirme, or setfurthe, that the Bishop of Rome, or any other person, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwyse, the supreme heade in yearth, of thesame churches, or of any of them: or do, after thesaied firste daye of Marche, compasse, or imagyn, by writyng, printyng, ouert deede, or acte, to depose or depriue the kynge, hys heyres or successours, kynges of thys realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles of the kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of any of them: or by any wrytyng, printyng, ouert deede, or acte, do affirme, that any other persone, or persones, other then the kyng, his heires, and successors, is, or of right ought to be kyng of the realmes of England, Fraunce, or Irelande, or to haue and enioye thesame, or any of them: that then euery such offence and offences shalbe demed, and adiudged high treason, and the offendor, & offendors, their aydors, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, therein conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed & adiudged high traitors, and shal suffer peines of death, and lose and forfaicte all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

Prouided allwayes, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that this estatute, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend, to repell, adnull, or make frustrate or voyde any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made, concernyng the counterfaictyng, or forgyng of anye of the coynes of this Realme, or of the coyne of anye other realme or realmes, currante within this realme, or for clippyng, washyng, or filyng of any of thesayed coynes, or for, or concernyng the bringyng into thys realme, of counterfaicte money or coyne: ne to any statute, made in the.xxvii.yere of thesaied late kyng Henry the.viii.concernyng the false forgyng and counterfaictyng of the kynges signes Manuell, preuey signate, or preuey seale, ne to their counsailors, procurors, aydors, and abbettors, nor to any article, or braunche, concernyng thesame offences, or any of them, conteyned in thesame statutes, or any of them.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that yf any the heires of the kyng, our sayed sourreigne Lorde that nowe is, or anye persone or persones, to whom the croune and dignitie of thys realme is

limyted and appoynted by acte of Parliamente, made in the.xxxv.yere of the reigne of thesayed late Kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of theim, do at anye tyme hereafter, vsurpe the one of theim vpon the other, in the croune of this realme, or demaunde, chalenge, or claime thesame, otherwyse, or in any other forme or degre of discente, or succession, or in any other course, forme, degre, or condition, but onely in suche maner and forme, as is declared by thesayde estatute: or yf any of thesayed heires, or persones aforesayed, do interrupte, or let the Kynges highnes that nowe is, peaceably and quietly to kepe, haue, and enioye thesayed imperiall croune: that then, all and synguler the offendors, their aydors comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors therein, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytors, and shall suffer, and incurre the peynes of death, losses and forfaictures, as is aforesayed in cases of high treason.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that no persone or persones, that heretofore hath been, or at anye tyme hereafter shalbee in due fourme of the lawes attaynted or conuicted of murder of malyce prepensed, or of poysonyng of malice prepensed, or of breakyng of any house by daye or by nighte, any persone beyng then in thesame house, where thesame breakyng heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbee committed, and heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbee thereby put in feare, or dread, or of, or for robbyng of any person or persones in the high waye, or nere to the high waye, or for felonious stealyng of Horses, Geldynges or Mares, or of folonious takyng of any gooddes, out of any parishe Churche, or other Churche or Chapell, or beynge indicted or appealed of any of thesame offences, and thereupon found gyltie, by verdicte of twelue men, or shall confesse thesame vpon his or their arraignement, or wyll not answere directely, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, or shall stand wilfully, or of malice mute, shall not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefyte of hys cleargie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from thesame: and that in all other cases of felony, other then suche, as be before mencioned, all and synguler persone, and persones, whiche after the fyrste daye of Marche nexte commyng shalbe arraigned or found giltye, vpon his or their arraignement, or shall confesse thesame, or stande mute, in fourme aforesayed, or wyll not answere directely in fourme abouesayed, shall haue and enioye the priuilege and benefyte of his, or their cleargie, the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuarie, in lyke maner and fourme, as he, or they myght, or should haue doen before the.xxiiii.daye of Apryll, in the firste yere of the reigne of thesayed late Kyng Henry the eight.

Prouided allwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that all clauses, articles, and sentences, mencioned, or specifyed in anye acte or actes of Parliament, statute, or statutes, made in the tyme of the reigne of thesayed late Kyng Henry the eighte, touchyng, or in any wyse

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concernyng any maner of Chalenge, for the Countie, Hundreth, or Peremptorye chalenge, or any of them, or touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng any maner of tryall of foreyn pleas pleaded by murderers, felons, or other offendors, shall, as concernyng thesayed chalenges and tryalles, remayn in their force and strengthe, not repelled, any thyng in this acte mencioned, soundyng or semyng to the contrary, in any wyse, notwithstandynge.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that this acte of Parliament, or any thyng therin mencioned, as cõcernyng the repeale of any estatute or estatutes, made, touchyng treason, or misprysion of treason, shall not in any wyse geue any maner of benefite, aduauntage, or commoditie, to any persone, or persones beyng the last daye of October last past, arrested or imprysoned for treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any person or persones, heretofore beyng indicted of treason petit treason, or misprysion of treason, or to any other person, or persons, beyng likewyse conuicted, outlawed, or attaynted of treason, petit treason, or misprysion of treason: or beyng fled beyõde the seas, or into Scotland, before the said last day of October last past, for any treason, petit treason, or misprysion of treason. But that they, and euery of them, shall suffer suche peynes of death, losses and forfaictures, of landes, & goodes, as in cases of treason as though this acte had neuer been had or made: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng. And that the lawes and Statutes, repelled by this acte, shal stande agaynst them, and euery of them, in full strength, vertue, force, and effecte, concernyng all, and euery offence by them, or any of them, heretofore cõmitted or doen.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that all wylfull killyng, by poysonyng of any persone, or persones, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe doen, perpetrated or committed, shalbe adiudged, taken and demed, wylfull murders of malyce prepensed: and that the offendors therein, their aydors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors shall suffer death, and forfaicte in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wylfull murder of malice prepensed.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that in all and euery case and cases, where any of the kynges maiesties subiectes, shall and may vpõ hys prayer haue the priuilege of cleargie as a clerke conuicte, that maye make purgation in all those cases and euery of thẽ, and also in all, and euery case and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefite of cleargie is restreyned, excepted, or taken awaye by thys estatute, or acte (wylfull murder, and poysonyng of malyce prepensed, onely excepted) the Lorde and Lordes of the Parliament, and pere and peres of the Realme, hauyng place and voyce in Parliament, shall by vertue of this present acte, of common grace, vpon his, or their requeste or prayer, alledgyng that he is a lorde, or pere of this Realme, and clay-

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inyng the benefite of this acte, though he cannot read, without any burnyng in the hande, losse of inheritaunce, or corruption of his blood, bee iudged, demed, taken and vsed for the firste tyme onely, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as a clerke conuicte, and shalbe in case of a clerke conuicte, whiche maye make purgation, without anye further, or other benefite, or priuilege of cleargie, to any such lorde, or pere, from thencefurthe at any tyme after, for any case to be allowed, adiudged, or admitted: anye lawe, statute, vsage custome, or anye other thynge, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any of thesaied lordes of the Parliament, or any of the peres of this Realme, for the tyme beynge, shall fortune to be indicted of any of ỹ offences, limited in this acte: That then, they and euery of them, shal haue his, or their triall, by their peres, as it hath been vsed heretofore in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that yf anye persone, or persones, that by this statute, or by anye other statutes, or lawes of this Realme, ought to haue, or be admitted, to the benefyte of his, or their cleargie: that thesame persone and persones, shalbe from hencefurthe, admitted and allowed, to haue hys, or theyr clergie, although they, or any of them haue been dyuerse and sundery tymes maryed to any syngle woman, or syngle women, or to any wydowe, or wydowes, or to twoo wyfes, or mo: anp lawe, statute, or vsage, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that albeit any persone, or persones, of what estate, condition, or degre he, or they be, shall hereafter fortune to be attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed of anye treason, petit treason, misprysion of treason, murder, or felonye whatsoeuer: yet that notwithstandyng, euery woman, that is or shall fortune to be wyfe of the persone so attaynted, conuicted or outlawed, shalbe endowhable and enhabled to demaunde, haue and enioye her dower, in lyke maner and fourme, as though her husbande had not been attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed: anye statute, lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandyng. Sauyng to all and euery other persone, and persones, bodyes politique and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, and to euerye of them, other then to suche offendor or offendors, as shalbe attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed, all suche ryght, title, interest, entre, leasses, possession, condition, profyte, commoditie and hereditamentes, as they, or any of them had, or should, or of ryght ought to haue, before, or at the tyme of thesayed attaynder, conuiction, or vtlagary.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that one Acte made at the Parliament holden at Westmynster, vpon diuerse prorogatiõs, the.xiii. daye of Februarp, in the.xxvii. yere of thesayed late kyng Henry the.viii. and there cõtinued and kept, vntyll the.xviii. daye

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of Apryll then nexte ensuynge, concernyng and touchyng the felonious takynge awaye by anye seruaunt, the gooddes or cattalles of the Master, or Mastres, and all articles, and sentences conteyned in thesame acte, shall stande, bee, and remayne in full strength, force, and effecte, in suche maner and forme, as it did before the makyng of this present acte, the repeale, or reuocation of the actes abouesayed, to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

Prouided allwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that no person, or persons, shall in any wise be empeached, or put to answere, for any of the offences abouesayed, concernyng treasons, by open preachyng, or wordes onely, onlesse the partie offendor, or offendors, be therof accused, within .xxx. dayes, next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, so spoken or declared, yf the accusors shall fortune to be within this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes, next after thesayed offence committed, or doen. And yf the accusors shall happen to bee out of this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes: then the partie, or parties so offendyng, shalbe accused, as is aforesaied, within sixe monethes, next after thesame preachyng, or wordes so spokē or declared: or els the partie or parties, so offendyng, their aydors, comfortors, abbettors, and coūsailors, or any of thē, not to be empeached, or put to answere for any suche offence, or offences: And that thesame accusation, or accusations, so to be had, made and declared, shalbe made to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the Kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the Kynges Justices of peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the Peace, within the Shire, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to be doen or cōmitted: any thyng conteyned in this acte, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and bee it declared and enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that concelement, or kepyng secrete any high treason, shalbe from hensefurth adiudged, demed and taken, misprysion of treason, and the offendor therein, shall forfaicte and suffer, as in cases of misprysion of treason, as heretofore hath been vsed: Any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it declared & enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, shall not extende, to charge, or make any person, or persones, to be offendor, or offendors, in any of the articles abouesayed, for callyng, namyng, saiyng, writyng, or printyng the Frenche Kyng, for the tyme beyng, by the name of the kyng of Fraunce, or Frenche kyng: Any thyng aboue declared or enacted, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that no persone, or persones, after the first daye of February nexte commyng, shalbee indicted, arraigned, condempned, or conuicted, for any offence of treason, petit treason, misprysion of treason, or for any wordes

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before specifyed, to be spoken after the sayed firste daye of Februarye, for which, the same offendor, speaker, offendors, or speakers, shal in any wise suffer any peines of death, imprisonmēt, losse, or forfaicture of his goodes, cattalles, landes or tenementes: onelesse the same offendor, speaker, offendors, or speakers, be accused by twoo sufficiente and lawfull wytnesses, or shall willyngly, without violence, confesse the same.

An acte for a Subsidy of tonnage and poundage of merchaundises, with a prouiso for the confirmation of the priuileges of the merchauntes of the Stylyarde, whiche prouiso shall indure but onely to the ende of this Parliament.

The.xiii. Chapiter.

IN their moste humble wyse shewē vnto your moste excellent Maiestie, youre poore Commons in thys your present Parliament assembled, that where aswell youre moste derest father of famous memorye kyng Henry the eight, as also youre moste worthy graunde father kyng Henry the seuenth, and other youre noble Progenitours kynges of thys youre realme of Englande, tyme out of mynde, haue had graunted vnto them and enioyed of the Commons of the same realme for the tyme beyng, by auctoritie of Parliament, for the defence of the same, now youre realme, and the keppyng and saufegarde of the seas, for the entercourse of merchaūdise, safly to come into the same your realme, and to passe out of the same, certayn summes of money, named subsidies of all maner of goodes and merchaundyses, commyng in, or goyng out of the same your realme: And forasmuche as we youre sayed poore Commōs haue perceyued your Maiesties good fauor and will towardes vs your sayed poore Commons, had aswell in the defence of vs, and thys youre realme, agaynst your rebels the Scottes, as also the keppyng and sure defendyng of the seas agaynst all persones, intendyng the disturbaunce and inuasion of this your realme, and vs your sayed Commons to oure greate comforte and reioysyng, as cause requireth, and to youre Maiesties greate costes, charges, and expenses, and also not doubtyng the sequele of the same, yf nede shall require: Wee therefore your sayed poore Commons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desyre youre excellent Maiestie, benignely and fauorably to take, accepte and receyue these oure poore grauntes hereafter insuyng, as graunted of true hartes and good wylles, whiche wee beare to youre highnes towardes youre sayed greate costes, charges and expenses, aswell heretofore expended and layed oute, as hereafter by youre Maiestie for the causes aforesayed, when nede shall require, to bee expended and layed oute, as the firste fruytes of oure good wylles and hartes towardes youre highnes although the same do, or hereafter shall nothynge in effect counteruayle

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your said costes, charges and expenses, whiche we be not hable fully to gratifie by any meanes. Firste, we your poore Commons by the aduise and assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, in this your present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, to the intent aforesaid, geue and graunt to you our said souereigne lorde, one subsedie called Tonnage, that is to say, of euery tunne of wine commyng, or that shall, or is come into this your realme, by waie of marchaundise, the summe of .iii.s. & so after the rate: And of euery tunne of swete wine, aswell Malmesey as other, that shall, or is come into thesame youre realme, by euery, or any marchaunt Alien, aswel by the marchauntes of Haunse and Almain, as by any other marchaunt straūgier, of what nacion soeuer he bee, iii.s, and so after the rate, ouer and aboue the .iii.s. afore graunted. And of euery awne of Reynishe wine commyng, or that shal, or is come into this your realme by way of marchaundise, by euery or any marchaunt denison or alien, of what naciō soeuer he be .xii.d. And also one other subsedie called Poundage, that is to saie, of all maner of gooddes and Marchaundises, of euery Marchaunt Denison and alien whatsoeuer he bee, caried and to bee caried out of this your saied realme, or brought, or to be brought into thesame by waie of marchaundises, of the value of euery .xx.s. of thesame gooddes and marchaūdises .xii.d. and so after the rate. And of euery .xx.s. value of tynne and pewter vessell caried out of this your realme, by any & euery marchaunt alien .xii.d, ouer and aboue the .xii.d. aforesaied. Excepte alwayes and forprised out of this graunt of subsedy of poundage, all maner of wollē clothe made and wrought, or that shalbe made & wrought within this your realme of Englande, and by euery or any marchaunt denison and not borne alien, caried or to be caried out of this your said realme, and all maner wolle, wollefelles, and hydes and backes of lether also caried or to bee caried out of this your realme: and all wynes and all maner freshfishe and bestiall, commyng, or that is, or shal come into thesame your realme.

And further we your saied poore commons by the aduise, assent and auctoritie aforesaied, geue and graunt vnto you our said souereigne lorde, for the causes aboue rehersed, one other Subsedy of all maner of Wolle, Wollefelles and lether, caried or to bee caried out of this your realme in maner and forme folowyng, that is to say, of euery marchaūt denison, of & for euery sacke of wolle .xxxiii.s.iiii.d. And of euery .CCxl wolfelles .xxxiii.s.iiii.d. And of & for euery last of hides and backes, of euery such marchaunt denison .iii.l.vi.s.viii.d. And also of euery marchaunt straungier, not borne your liege man, aswell those that be made denisons, as hereafter shalbe made by letters patentes or otherwise, as all other marchaunt straungiers, of and for euery sacke of wolle. iii.l. vi.s.viii.d. And of and for euery. CC.xl. wollefelles .iii.l.vi.s.viii.d. And also of euery last of hides and backes, iii.l.xiii.s.iiii.d. And so of

all theſaied wolles, wollefelles, hides and backes, and euery of theim after the rate that ſo is or ſhalbe caried: To haue, take, entoye and perceiue the Subſedies aforeſaied, and euery of them, and euery part and percell of them to your highnes, from the firſt daie of your moſte noble reigne, duryng your life naturall.

And further we your ſaid poore Commõs moſte humbly deſire your maieſtie that it maie be enacted by your highnes, by the aduiſe and aſſent of the lordes aforeſaied, and vs your ſaied Commons, and by the foreſaid aucthoritie of this preſent parliament aſſembled, that the gyftes and grauntes aforeſaied, ſhalbee good and effectuall accordyng to the true meanyng of theſame. And that it maie bee further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaied, that if any wines, gooddes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wollefelles, hides & backes of lether aforeſaid, or other thynges aforeſpecified, wherof the ſubſedies aforeſaid, or any of the is or ſhalbe hereafter due, ſhall at any tyme hereafter duryng the tyme aforeſaied, be ſhipped or put into any Boate, Crayer, Ship or veſſel, to that intent to bee caried into the partes of beyonde the ſea, or els be brought from the partes of beyõd the ſea, into any Port, Hauen, Creeke or other place of this your realme by waie of marchaundiſe, and there laied on lande, the Subſedy aforeſaied of theſame, (due or to bee due by reaſon of this graunt) not paied, or the Collector of theſame ſubſedy not agreed with for theſame, accordyng to the true meanyng and intent of theſe aforeſaied grauntes, and euery of them: that then from the firſte daie of Marche nexte commyng, and not before, all theſaied wynes, gooddes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wollefelles, hydes and backes, and other the premiſſes aforeſaied, and euery parte and percell thereof ſo ſhipped, or els put into any Boate, Crayer or other veſſell aforeſaied, to the intent aforeſaid, or brought into this realme, & there laied on lande as is alſo aforeſaid, ſhal remain forfeict to your highnes, duryng the tyme aforeſaid: the one moytie therof, or the value therof to your highnes, and the other moitie to hym or them that ſhal ſeaze theſame or ſue for theſame. And that it maie pleaſe your highnes that all marchauntes, aſwell denizens as ſtraungiers, commyng into this your realme, be wel and honeſtly intreated and demeaned, as thei were in the tyme of your aforeſaied noble progenitors, without oppreſſion to theim to bee doen, paiyng the Subſedies abouеſaid.

And further, that it be enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaid, that if any gooddes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wollefelles or lether aforeſaid, or any part therof, of any marchaunt denizõ, naturally borne your liege man, which ſhall paſſe out of this your ſaid realme, after theſaid firſt daie of Marche duryng the terme of this gifte and graunt, ſhall happen to be taken with enemies or Pirates vpon the ſea, or periſhed by infortune in any ſhip or ſhippes, that ſhall happen to be taken or periſhed within the tyme of theſaid graunt, wherof the Subſedies aforeſaied or any

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of theim to your highnes due or to bee due, is, or shalbe in forme aforesaied duely paied or agreed for, without fraude or collusion, and suche losse or losses as been before rehersed, bee found and proued before the Threasorer of Englande, or the chief Baron of your Eschequer for the tyme beyng, by the examinacion of thesame marchauntes, if thei bee on liue, or of their executors or administrators if thei bee dedde, or twoo true credible persones sworne, or other reasonable witnesses and proues sworne, witnessyng thesame marchaundises so to be lost or perished that then thesame marchauntes denizons, that wer or shalbe owners of the aforesaied gooddes, marchaundises, wolle, wollefelles, hides or other marchaundises aforesaied, as shalbe so perished or lost, if thei bee on liue, or their executors and administrators if thei be dedde, and euery of theim, by force and vertue of this acte when theim liketh, duryng thesaid terme, shall now ship asmuche wolle, wollefelles, hydes or other marchaundise in thesame Porte or Portes, in whiche thesame wolle, wollefelles, hides or other gooddes and marchaundises aforesaied, so lost and perished, wer or shalbe shipped without any of the Subsedies aforesaid, now graunted, to be had or paied therfore to you in any wise and that all suche proues of the premisses so to bee loste or perished, bee certefied into your Chauncery by your saied Threasorer or chief Barō there to remain of Record, and after suche certificat made, the Chauncelor of Englande, or the lorde keper of your greate seale, for the tyme beyng, do make and deliuer vnto thesaid marchauntes, their executors or administrators or any of theim, or to their attorney or attorneyes in that behaulfe, or any of them, asmany and suche writtes and warrauntes, to be directed aswell to the Collectors of the Subsedies aforesaid, or any, or euery of theim for the tyme beyng, as to the Threasorer and Barons of your Eschequer for the tyme beyng, as shalbe requisite and nedefull for thesaied marchauntes, their executors or administrators, or their attorney or attorneys or any of them, or thesaied Collectors or any of them, to haue for the obteinyng, aswell of the shippyng, as of allowaunce therof: And further that euery marchaunt denizon, that shall ship hereafter any wolle, wollefelles, hides, or any other gooddes and marchaunndises in any Carricke or Galley, shall paie to your maiestie duryng the tyme aforesaied, all maner of Customes and all the Subsedies aforesaied, as any alien borne out of this your realme.

Prouided alwaies, that no acte, statute or ordinaunce, had, made or to be made in this present parliament, be in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall vnto the marchaūtes of the Hanse in Almayn, hauyng the house in the citee of London, commonly called Guilhalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties or priuileges to them or their predecessors before this tyme had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawful vsages by them or by their predecessors before this tyme vsed, but that thesaied marchauntes and their successors, haue, holde and enioye all

their saied fraunchises, liberties and free vsages, accordyng to suche grauntes, confirmacions and agrementes, as by the kyng and his noble progenitors kynges of Englande haue been agreed, made & graũted, and had to thesaied merchauntes or their predecessors, and according to their lawfull vsages in euery thing, by whatsoeuer other name or names, thesame merchauntes or any of theim bee called or named, any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present parliament to the contrary notwithstandyng: This present prouiso to indure and continue vnto the ende of this present parliament.

¶ The. xiiij. Chapiter.

An acte, whereby certain Chaunteries, Colleges, free Chapelles, and the possessions of thesame, bee geuen to the kynges Maiestie.

THE kynges moste louyng subiectes, the lordes spiritual and temporall and the commons in this present parliamẽt assembled, considerynge that a great part of superstition and errors in Christian religiõ hath been brought into the myndes and estimacion of men, by reason of the ignoraũce of their very true and perfecte saluacion; through the death of Jesus Christ and by deuisyng and phantasyng vain opinions of Purgatory, and Masses satisfactorie, to be doen for thẽ which be departed: The whiche doctryne and vain opinion, by nothyng more is maintened, and vpholden, then by the abuse of Trentalles, Chaunteris and other prouisions, made for the continuaunce of thesaid blindenes and ignoraunce: And further considerynge and vnderstandyng, that the alteracion, chaunge, and amendemẽt of thesame, and conuertyng to good and Godly vses, as in erectyng Grammer schooles to the educacion of youthe in vertue and Godlines, the further augmentyng of the vniuersities, and better prouision for the poore and nedy, cannot in this present parliament be prouided and conueniently doen, nor cannot ne ought to any other maner person be committed, then to the kynges highnes, whose Maiestie, with, and by the aduise of his highnesse moste prudent counsaill, can and will moste wisely, and beneficially, bothe for the honor of God, and the weale of this his maiesties realme, order, alter, conuerte, and dispose thesame: And callyng further to their remẽbraunce, that in the parliament holden at Westminster the. xxvbit yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lorde kyng Henry the eight, father to our moste dread and naturall souereigne Lorde the kyng, that now is: It was ordeined, enacted, and established emongest other thinges that al and synguler Colleges, free Chapelles, Chaunteries, Hospitalles Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guyldes, and other promocions, mencioned in thesaied former acte, had or made, to haue continuaunce

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in perpetuitie for euer, and then beyng, or that had, or ought to be contributory or chargeable to the payment of the first fruites and tenthes, according vnto the lawes and statutes in that behaulfe had and made, by what name, surname, degree, or corporacion, they, or any of them, were founded, ordeined, established, erected, named, called, or knowen: and all and synguler the mansion, houses, manours, orchardes, gardens, landes, tenementes, pastures, woodde, waters, rētes, reuercions, seruices, commons, tithes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, aduousions, nominacions, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, cōdicions, leetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, then apperteinyng, or belonging, or that did appertein or belōg, or were assigned or appointed, to any such College, frechapel, Chauntry, Hospital, Fraternitie, brotherhed, guild, stipēdary priest, or other the said promocions, or to any of them, or accepted, knowen, or taken as part, parcell or membre of the, or of any of the: & to the said Colleges, Chauntreis, fre Chapels, Hospitalles, Fraternities, Brotherhed, guild, stipēdary priestes, or other promocions, or to any of the vnited, or annexed: whiche betwene the. iiii. daie of Februarye in the. xxvii. yere of the said late kynges reigne, & the. xxv. day of December in the. xxxvii. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entree, expulsiō, bargain, sale, feoffemēt, fine, recouery, lease, or other cōueiaūce therof made, were dissolued, determined or relinquished by any of the waies, meanes, or conueiaūces, mencioned in the said acte, or otherwise, other then suche of them, as then were in the possession of the said late kyng, or that were graunted, or assured by his licence, agrement, consent, or letters patentes, to any persone, or persones, or then had been lawfully obteined, or recouered by any person, by any former right, or title, without fraude, or coupn, or by the kynges licence, should from thencefurthe by auctoritie of the same former acte, be adiudged and demed, and also be in the very actual and reall possession and season of the said late kyng, & of his heires and successors for euer: in as large and ample maner, as the said priestes, wardens, masters, ministers, gouernors, rulers, or other incumbentes, or any of them, or the patrons, donors, or foundors of them, or any of them at any tyme sythens the said fourth daie of Februarye, in the. xxvii. yere aforesaid, had, occupied or enioied, or then had, occupied, or enioyed the same, and as though all and singuler the said Colleges, Chauntreis, Hospitalles, fre Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other the said promocions, and the said manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they bee, and euery of them had been in the said former acte, specially, particularly, and certainly rehersed, named, and expressed, by expresse wordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles and faculties, and in their naturall kyndes and qualities: the said entrees, expulsions, bargaynes, sales, fynes, feoffementes, recoueries, or other assuraunce, and conueighaunce whatsoe-

uer thei were, had or made (excepte before in the former acte excepted) to the contrary notwithstandyng. And where also it was enacted and graunted to thesaid late kyng, by thesaid former acte, that thesame late kyng, durying his naturall life, might make, and directe his Commission and Commissions, vnder his greate seale, to entre into all and singuler suche and asmany Chauntreis, free Chapelles, Hospitalles, Colleges, and other the promocions mencioned in thesaid former acte and into al, & singuler suche Manours, Mansions, Houses, Messes, Landes, Tenementes, Pastures, Woodes, Waters, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, Possessions, and other Hereditamentes whatsoeuer, or into any parte, or percell thereof, in the name, season, and possession of all the Hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongyng, or apperteignyng to any Chauntry, Hospitall, free Chapell, College, Fraternitie, Brotherhedde, Guylde, or other thesaied promocions, or wherof any Prieستes, Prouostes, Gouernors, Rulers, and other Incumbentes of them, or any of the by what name, surname, degree, title, or Corporacion, thei, and euery of theim, or any of theim were founded, erected, ordeined, established, named, called, or knowen, then had, or enioyed, or that thereafter should haue or enioye, to thesaied Chauntreis, Hospitalles, free Chapelles, Colleges, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, or other thesaied promocions, that then were chargeable to the paiment of the firste fruites, and Tenthes: and all Colleges that wer chargeable, or not chargeable to thesaied paiment of the first fruites, and tenthes, as is aforesaied, or to any of them, as should be named, expressed and appoynted in thesaid commission or commissions: and to seise and take thesame Chauntreis, Hospitalles, Colleges, free Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other thesaid promocions, Manours, Landes, Tenemētes, and other the premisses mencioned in thesaid Commission or commissions, and in euery of theim, and euery parte, percell, and membre of thesame, into the kinges possession and handes: to haue and to hold the same to thesaied late kyng, and to his heires and successors for euer, as by thesaid former acte, emōgest other thynges, more at large appereth: it is now ordeined, and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all maner of Colleges, free Chapelles, and Chauntreis, haupng, beyng, or in esse, within fiue yeres next before the first date of this present Parliament, whiche were not in actuall and reall possession of thesaid late kyng, nor in the actuall and reall possessiō of the kyng our souereigne lorde that now is, nor excepted in thesaied former acte, in forme abouesaied, other then suche, as by the kynges Commissions in forme hereafter mencioned, shalbee altered, transposed or chaunged: and al Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pencions, Porcions, and other Hereditamentes, and thynges aboue mencioned, belongyng to them, or any of them: and

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also all Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, and thinges aboue mencioned, by any maner of assuraunce, cõueighaunce, will, deuise, or otherwise, had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, geuen, assigned, limited, or appointed, to the findyng of any Priest, to haue continuaunce for euer: and wherewith, or whereby, any Priest was susteined, mainteined, or found, within fiue yeres nexte before the first date of this present parliamẽt, whiche were not in the actuall and reall possession of the said late kyng, nor in the actuall & reall possessiõ of our souereigne lorde the kyng that now is: and also, all annuall rentes, profites, and emolumentes, at any tyme within fiue yeres next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, employed, paied or bestowed, toward, or for the maintenaunce, supportaciõ, or findyng of any Stipendary priest, intended by any acte, or writyng to haue cõtinuaunce for euer, shall, by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, immediatly after the feast of Easter next cõmyng, be adiudged and demed, and also bee in the very actuall and reall possession and season of the kyng our souereigne lorde, and his heires and successors, for euer, without any office or other inquisicion therof to bee had or found, and in as large & ample maner and forme, as the Priestes, Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Gouernors, Rulers, or other incumbentes of theim, or any of theim, at any tyme within fiue yeres next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, had, occupied, or enioyed, or now hath, occupieth, or enioyeth thesame, and as though all and singuler thesaied Colleges, free Chapelles, Chaũtreis, Stipendes, Salaries of Priestes, and thesaid Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamẽtes and other the premisses whatsoeuer thei be, and euery of theim, were in this present acte specially, particularly, and certainly rehersed, named, and expressed, by expresse woordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles, and faculties, and in their natures, kyndes, and qualities.

And ouer that, bee it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that where any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pencions, Porcions, Rentes, profites, or other Hereditamẽtes by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, will, deuise or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffred, knowledged, or declared, wer geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to, or for the maintenaunce, sustentacion or findyng of one priest or of diuerse priestes, for terme of certain yeres yet continuyng, and that any priest hath been mainteined, susteined, or found with thesame, or with the reuenues, or profites thereof, within. v. yeres laste past, that the kyng, from thesaied feast of Easter nexte cõmyng, shall haue and enioy, in euery behaulfe, for, and duryng al suche tyme to come, euery suche, and like thynges, Tenementes, Hereditamẽtes, profites and emolumẽtes, as the priest or priestes, ought, or should haue had, for, or towarde his, or their mainteinaunce, susteinaunce, or fyndyng, and for no lenger, or further tyme, nor for any other profite,

aduauntage, or commoditie therof to be taken.

Prouided alwaies, and it is ordeined, and enacted by the auctho-ritie of this present parliament, that when and assone as the tyme assigned, for the mainteinaunce, sustentacion, or findyng of the priest or priestes shalbe expired and runne: that then it shalbe lawfull to euery persone, and persones, to whom any manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pori-ons, pencions, rentes, and other hereditamentes, or any of them, should haue belonged or apperteigned, if thesaid former acte and this act had neuer been had or made, to entre into, take, perceiue, haue, and enioy the same, without any maner of leuepry, ouster le mayne, petition, or other suite to be made to the kyng, in like maner, forme, and condicion, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as though thesaied former acte and this act, had neuer been had or made, and as though the kyng had neuer had any season or possession therof: Any thyng in thesaid former acte, or in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And be it ordeined and enacted, by thauctho-ritie of this present par-liament, that the kyng, our souereigne lorde, his heires and succes-sors, from thesaied feast of Easter nexte commyng, shall haue, hold, perceiue, and enioye for euer, all landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, whiche by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, willes, wil deuise, or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowe-ledged, or declared, wer geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to go, or bee em-ployed wholy to the findyng, or mainteinaunce of any Anniuersary, or Obite, or other like thyng, entent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, in any Churche or chapell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath been kept or mainteined, within fiue yeres next before thesaid first day of this present Parliament.

And also, that where but part of the issues or reuenewes of any ma-nours, landes, tenemētes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, hath by any of the waies or meanes aboue saide, been geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to bee bestowed or employed, to the findyng or mainteinaunce of any Anniuersary or Obite, or other like thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, in any Churche, or Chapell, and to haue continuaunce for euer: that then our souereigne lord the king, shal, frō thesaid feast of Easter next commyng, for euer haue, perceiue, and enioye, euery suche summes of money, that in any one yere within fiue yeres nexte before the first date of this present parliament, hath been expended and bestow-wed about the findyng or maintenaunce of any suche Anniuersary, or Obite, or other like thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, to him, his heires, and successors, for euer, as a rent charge to bee paied yerely, at the feastes of saincte Michaell Thatchaungell, and Than-nunciacion of our Lady saincte Mary the Virgin, by euen portions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions, & reuenewes of his croune or in any other Court, or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoint.

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And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne Lorde the Kyng, his heires, and successors, for none paiment of any suche summe or summes of money, to distreyne in thesaid Manours, Landes, & Tenementes, of the issues and reuenues, whereof thesaied Anniuersary or Obite, or other like thyng, or any suche light or Lampe was founde, susteined, or mainteined. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in, or vpon any of the premisses, wherof any of thesaid yerely rentes, or summes of money, should be paied by the space of one moneth nexte after, that any of thesaied rentes should be paied, and be not paied within thesaied moneth: that then it shalbe lawfull, to, and for our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires and successors, by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possede, asmuche of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, wherof thesaied rent or rentes, should be leuied or paied, as the rente or rentes that should bee leuied or paied out of thesame, dooth or shall amounte or come to, in yerely value, and thesame landes, tenemẽtes, and hereditamentes to holde, and kepe, and haue to our saied souereigne Lorde the Kyng, his heires, and assignes for euer, or for suche estate, as our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, or successors, had, or ought to haue had; of, or in thesaid rent, or rentes.

And also it is ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie of this presẽt Parliament, that our souereigne Lorde the Kyng, shall, from thesaied feast of Easter nexte commyng, haue, perceiue, and enioye all and synguler suche summes of money, proffites, commodities and emolumentes, whiche by vertue of any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, cõposiciõ, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue been geuen, assigned limited, or appoynted, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche in any one yere, within fiue yeres nexte before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, haue been paied, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of Corporacions, Guildes, Fraternities, Companies, or Felowshippes of Misteries or Craftes, or any of them, beyng in Englande, Wales, and other the Kynges Dominions, or by the Masters, Wardens, Gouernors, or other Officers, or Ministers, or by the Master, Warden, Gouernor, or other Officer or Minister of theim, or any of theim, toward, or aboute the findyng, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any prieste, or priestes, of any Anniuersary, or Obite, lampe, light or lightes, or other like thyng, as is aforesaied, to our saied souereigne lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors for euer. To be paied yerely, as a rent charge, at ẏ feastes of sainct Michaell Tharchaungel, and the Annunciaciõ of our Lady, by euen porcions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions and reuenues of his Croune, or in any other Courte or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne Lorde the Kyng, his heires, and successors, for none payment of any suche summes, or summe of money, proffite, commoditie, or emolument, or for none payment of any of them, to distreine in all the Manours

nours, Landes, and Tenementes, of euery suche Craftes, Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Companies, or Felowshippes of Misteries, or Craftes, or any of theim, by whom, or by the Maisters, Wardens, Gouernours, or other Officers, or Ministers, or Maister, Warden, Gouernor, or Minister, of the whiche any suche summes or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue, or hath been paied bestowed or employed: And that all and euery of thesaied summes of money, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, shall, from the feast of Easter nexte commyng, without any maner of inquisicion or office, to bee had or founde, bee iudged and demed, to bee in the actuall and reall possession of our saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, in like maner and forme, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thesame had been particularly and specially mencioned in this present acte.

And furthermore bee it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the kyng our souereigne Lorde, shall, from thesaied feaste of Easter nexte commyng, haue, and enioye to hym, his heires and successours for euer, all Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Guyldes, beyng within the Realme of Englande and Wales, and other the kynges Dominions: and all Manors, Landes, Tenementes, & other Hereditamentes, belongyng to them or any of the, other then suche corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Companies, and Felowshippes of Misteries or craftes, and the Manors, Landes, tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, perteignyng to thesaied Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Compaignies, and Felowshippes of Misteries or Craftes, aboue mencioned: And shal, by vertue of this acte, bee iudged and demed, in actuall and reall possession of oure saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires and successours, from thesaied feaste of Easter nexte commyng for euer, without any inquisicion, or Office, thereof to be had or founde.

And also bee it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that oure saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors, at his, and their will and pleasure, maie directe his, and their Commissions and Comission, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to suche persones, as it shall please hym: And that thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of thesaied Commission, aswell to Surueye all and synguler Laye Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Compaignies, and Felowshippes of Misteries, or Craftes incorporate, and euery of theim, as all other thesaied Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Guyldes, within the limites of their Commission, to theim directed: And all the Euidences, Composicions, Bookes of Accomptes, and other writyngesof euery of theim, to the intent thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges, was paied, or bestowed to the findyng or maintenaunce of any Preste, or Priestes, Anniuersare, or Obite,

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or other like thyng Light or Lampe, by theim, or any of theim: As also to inquire, searche, and trye, by all suche waies and meanes, as to theim shalbee thoughte meete, and conueniente, what Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, Proffites, Commodities, Emoluimentes, and other thynges, bee geuen, limited, or appoynted, to oure saied Soueraigne Lorde the Kyng by this acte, within the limites of their Commission. And also that thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, by vertue of this acte, and of the Commission to theim directed, shall haue full power and auctoritie to assygne, and shall appoynte in euerye suche place, where Guylde, Fraternitie, the Prieste, or Incumbente of any Chauntrey in esse, the firste date of this present Parliamente, by the Foundacion, Ordynaunce, or firste Institucion thereof, should, or oughte to haue kepte a Grammer schoole, or a Preacher, and so hath dooen, sythen the feaste of Saincte Michaell the Archaungell laste paste, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, of euery suche Chauntrey, Guylde, and Fraternitie, to remayne, and continue in succession to a schoole Master, or Preacher for euer, for, and towarde the kepyng of a Grammer Schoole, or Preachyng, and for suche Godly intentes, and purposes, and in suche maner and fourme, as thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall assigne or appoynte: And also to make and ordeyne a Vicare, to haue perpetuitie for euer, in euery Parishe Churche, the firste daye of this presente Parliamente, beyng a College, free Chapell, or Chauntery, or appropried, annexed, or vnited, to any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrey, that shall come to the Kynges handes by vertue of this acte, and to endowe euery suche Vicare sufficiently, hauyng respecte to his Cure and charge, thesame endowmente to bee to euery suche Vicar, and to his successours for euer, without any other licence, or graunte of the Kyng, the Bishoppe or other Officers of the Dioceese. And also thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue auctoritie by force of this acte, to assigne in euery greate Toune or Parishe, where thei shall thynke necessarye, to haue mo Prieستes then one, for the ministeryng of the Sacramentes, within thesame Toune, or Parishe, Landes, and Tenementes, belongyng to any Chauntery, Chapell, or Stipendary Prieste, beyng within thesame Toune or Parishe, the firste daye of this presente Parliamente, to bee to suche persone, and persones, as thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, shall assigne, or appoynte to continue in succession for euer, for, and towardes the sufficiente fyndyng, or mayntenaunce of one, or mo Prieستes, within thesame Toune or Parishe, as by thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim, shalbee thoughte necessarie and conuenient. And aswell to make Ordinaunces and Rules, concernyng, the seruice, vser, and demeanour of euerye suche Prieste, and Schoole Master, as is aforesaied to bee appoynted,

ted, as also, by what name, or names, he and thei, shall from hencefurthe bee named and called: And also that thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power, and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of thesaied Commission to theim directed, to assigne aswell to euery Deane, Master, Warden, Prouoste, and other Incumbente, and Minister of any of thesaied Colleges, free Chapelles, or Chauntryes, beeyng within the limites of their Commission, whiche hereafter shalbee dissolued or determined by vertue of this acte, as to euery Stipendary Prieste, and other Prieste, whose Salarye the kyng shalbee intituled vnto, by this acte, as to euery fellowe and poore persone, hauyng yerely reliefe, out of any of thesaied Colleges, free Chapelles, or Chauntryes, beyng within the limites of their Commission, suche seuerall yerely Annuities, Pencions, or other recompenses, duryng their seuerall lifes, as to thesame Commissioners or to twoo of theim, shalbee thought meete and conueniente. And ouer that thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the Commission to theim directed, to inquire and trye, by suche waies and meanes as thei shall thynke mete, and conuenient, what money, profite and benefite, any poore persone, or persones, by vertue of any conueighaunce, assuraunce, composicion, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore had, or made, intended, or meante to haue continuaunce for euer, had, or enioyed, within fiue yeres, nexte before the beginnyng of this present Parliamente, oute of any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrye, and other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng, by this acte, beyng within the limites of their Commission: And thereupon to make assignementes and orders, in suche maner and forme, as all and synguler suche saied money, profite and commoditie, shalbee paied to poore people for euer: Accordyng to suche saied assuraunce, composicion, will, deuise, or other thyng, had, or made for thesame, and to assigne and appoynte, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, percel of the premisses, for the mainteinaunce, and continuaunce of thesame for euer, and also to appoynte to Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Guyldes, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, percell of the premisses, towardes, & for the mainteinaunce of Piers, Iutties, walles, and Bankes, against the rages of the sea, Hauës, and Creekes. And that all and synguler Annuities, Pencions, and other recompenses, shalbe haulfe yerely paied to the persones, to whom thesame ought to be paied by the kynges Receiuor, for the tyme beyng, of his Landes commonly called the suppressed landes, or other his Reuenues, lyng in the Countie or Citee, where suche College, free Chapell, or Chauntrye, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted or appoynted to the kyng, by this acte, the first date of this present Parliament, were, or remained, without any Fee, or rewarde, therefore to bee paied: The firste payment to begyn

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at the feaſt of ſaynct Michael the Archaungel next comming. And that euery ſuch receiuour, vpon his accompte, ſhall haue full and due allowaunce, of all ſuch Annuities, Pentions, and other recompēſes, by him payed, by vertue of any ſuche aſſignement to be made, by the ſayd Commiſſioners, or two of them at the leaſt.

And it is ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie of this preſent parliament, that the ſayd Commiſſioners, and euery of theim, that ſhall take vpon hym the execution of any the ſayd Commiſſions, ſhalbe bounde, as he wyll aunſwere before God, to execute the Commiſſion, to him and other directed, beneficially towardes the Deanes, Maſters, Wardens, Prouoſtes, and other Incumbentes, and Miniſters aforeſayd, and towardes the poore people, concernyng the ſayd aſſignementes, and alſo towardes the mayntenaunce of Piers, Juttyes, Walles, or Bankes, agaynſt the rages of the ſea, Hauēs, and Crekes: And that all maner of aſſignementes and ordinaūces to be made, by the ſayd Commiſſioners, or two of them at the leaſt, and certifyed vnder their ſeales, or the ſeales of two of them at the leaſt, into the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of hys croune, or to anye other Courte, or courtes, by the Kynges Maieſtie to be made, or aſſigned, ſhall, by vertue of this acte, and of the ſayd Commiſſions, be as good and effectual in the law to all ententes, conſtructiōs, and purpoſes, as though theſame had bene aſſigned and ordeyned by aucthoritie of thys preſent parliament, by expreſſe and apte wordes, termes and ſentences.

Prouided alſo, that ſuch Annuities, Pentiōs, or other recompenſes, that the ſayd Commiſſioners, or any of them, ſhall aſſigne or appoynte to be payed yerely, to any ſuch Deane, Maſter, Warden, Gouernour, or other Incumbent, felow, or miniſter, ſhall not extende to anye more clere yerely value, then ſuch Deane, Maſter, Warden, Prouoſte, Gouernour, or other Incumbente, felowe, or miniſter, or hys predeceſſour, lawfully had, or enioyed in money, meate, drinke, liuery, or allowaunce of theſame yerely, within fyue yeres, next before the beginnynge of thys preſent parliament.

Prouided alſo, that if any of ỹ ſayd Maſters, Wardens, Prouoſtes, gouernours, or other incumbentes, Felow, or miniſters, ſhall at any tyme hereafter, during hys lyfe, be promoted by the Kyng, to any benefice, or other ſpirituall promotion, beyng of a better clere yerely value, then hys ſayd Annuitie, or Pention, or other recompenſe ſhalbe of: that then the Annuitie, pention, or other former recōpenſe, that any ſuche Deane, Maſter, Wardeyn, Gouernour, or Prouoſte, or other Incumbente, Felowe, miniſter, that ſo ſhalbe promoted, ſhall haue, ſhall immediatly after ſuch promotion had, ceaſe, and vtterly determine.

And be it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie of thispreſent parliament, that the ſayd Commiſſioners, or twoo of them at the leaſte, to whome any Commiſſiō, by vertue or meane of this acte, ſhalbe directed

and delyuered, shalbe bounden vpon the forfaicture, euery of them of a hundreth poundes, to make certificat vnder their Seales, or the Seales of two of them at the leaste, into the sayd Courte of the Augmentations, and Reuenues of the kynges croune, or into anye other courte, as is aforesayd, within one yere nexte after the Commission to them directed, of all Mannours, landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, Portions, pentions, hereditamentes, and recompēses, by thesame Commissioners or two of them, assigned or appoynted to anye of the vses, intentes, or purposes aboue mencioned.

And also be it ordeyned and enacted, by thauctorite of this presente parliament, that our souereigne lorde the kyng shall haue and enioye, all suche gooddes, Cattalles, Juelles, Plate, Ornamentes, and other moueables, as were, or be the common gooddes, of euery such College, Chauntrye, Freechappell, or stipendarye prieste, belongyng or annexed to the furniture or seruyce of theyr seuerall foundations, or abused of any of the sayd Corporatiōs, in the abuses aforesayd, the propertye wherof was not altered nor chaunged before the. viii. daye of Decēbre in the yere of our lorde God. M. D. xl vii.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by the aucthorite of this present Parliament, that all such debtes, and summes of money, as oughte, or shoulde, without fraude or coyn, hereafter be payed of the moneye or gooddes of any of the sayd Colleges, due, or payable, by reason of any contracte, specialtie, or promes, had, or made, before thesame. viii. daye shall truly & fully be payed by the Treasaurour of the kynges Courte of the Augmentations, and reuenues of hys croune, or by the Treasaurour or receyuour of any other Courte, to whiche anye of the premisses shalbe appoynted, of the kynges Treasure, beyng in his, or their handes, with as conuenient spede, as thesame maye be payed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that thys Acte, or any article, clause, or matter conteyned in thesame, shall not in any wyse extēde to any College, Hostell, or Hall, beyng within either of the Vniuersities of Cambrydge and Oxfourde, nor to anye Chauntrye founded in anye of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halles, beyng in thesame Vniuersities, nor to the Frechappell of sainct George the martyr, scituate in the Castel of Windesore, nor to the College, called sayncte Marye College of Wincheste, besydes Winchester of the foundation of Bishoppe Wykeham, nor to the College of Eton, nor to the Parysshe Churche, commonlye called the Chappell in the Sea in Newton within the Isle of Elye, in the Countye of Cambrydge, nor to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to them, or to anye of theim perteynynge or belongynge, nor to anye Chappell made, or ordeyned, for the ease of the people, dwellynge distaunte from theyr Parysshe Churche, or suche lyke Chapel, wherunto nomore Landes, or tenemētes, then the Churcheyarde, or a littel house,

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or Close doth belõge or pertayne, nor to any cathedral Church, or College, where a Bishoppes sea is within this Realme of Englande, or in Wales; nor to the Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of any of them, other then to such Chaũtryes, Obites, Lightes, and Lampes, or any of them, as at any tyme, within .v. yeres next before the beginnyng of this present Parliamẽt, haue bene had, vsed, or maintayned, within the sayde cathedrall Churches, or within any of them, or of the Yssues, reuenues, or profittes of any of the sayde cathedral Churches, to which Chauntryes, Obites, Lyghtes, & Lampes, it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this Acte shall extende.

And it is ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that our souereigne lord the kyng, at any tyme, duryng his lyfe (which God lõg preserue) may at hys will & pleasure, alter & chaũge the name or names of all and singuler Chauntryes, & the foundatiõs of thesame, beyng in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halles of any of ỹ sayd Vniuersities, accordyng as to his godly wisedom shalbe thought mete & conuenient.

Sauyng to all and euery persone and persones, bodies politique & corporate, theyr Heyres, and Successours, and the Heyres and Successours of euery of them, other then the Masters, Wardẽs, Ministers, Gouernours, Rulers, Priestes, Incũbentes, Felowes, & Brethrẽ of the sayde Colleges, Chaũtryes, Frechappelles, and other the premisses, geuen, limyted, or appoynted to the kyng by this Acte, and the Successours of them, & euery of them: & other then such as be, or pretende to be Foundors, Patrones, or Donors of the premisses, or any of them, or of any parte or percell therof, & the Heyres, Successours, and assignes, of euery, or any of them: And other then such, as be, or were Feoffees, Recouerers, Comisies, Grauntees, or Deuisees, of any of the premisses, to, or for any of the vses, purposes, or intẽtes aboue mẽcioned, or to ỹ vse of any of the sayde Colleges, Frechappelles, Chauntryes, or other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted by this Acte to the kynge, or to the entente to employe the Rentes or profittes thereof, to the vse of the Masters, Rulers, Incumbentes, or Ministers of them, or of any of thẽ: And other then suche person, & persones, & bodyes politique and corporate; their Heires, Successours, and assignes, as claime, or pretẽde to haue any estate, right, title, interest, vse, possession, or condition, of, in, or to the premisses, or any parte or percell therof, by reason of any Feoffemente, fyne, bargayne, and sale, or by any other wayes, meanes or conueyghaũce, to them made of any estate of inheritaũce, without the said late kynges licence, assente, consente, or agrement, & without the licence, assente, consent, or agrement, of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is, by any of ỹ sayde Deanes, Masters, Wardeyns, Ministers, Gouernours Rulers, Priestes, or Incumbẽtes, or by the Foũdours, Donors, or Patrones of them, or of any of them, all such right, title, clayme, possession, interest, rẽtes, annuities, cõmodities, cõmõs, offices, fees, leases, lyue-

ries, liuynges, pentiõs, portiõs, debtes, duties, & other profittes, which they, or any of thẽ lawfully haue, or of right ought to haue, or might haue had, in, of, or to any of the premisses, or in, of, or to any parte or percel therof, in such lyke maner, fourme, & condicion, to all entẽtes, respectes, cõstructiõs & purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had nor made and as thoughe the sayde Chauntryes, Colleges, and other the sayde promotiõs, had still continued & remayned in their full beyng: And sauyng to all & euery Patrone, Donour, Foũdour, or Geuour of any such College, Chaũtre, Frechappel, Stipendarye Priestes, & other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted, to the kyng by this acte, & ỹ donor Feoffor, & geuer of the aforesayde landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes to them, or any of them, or to any vses, or purposes before mencioned, al suche rentes, seruices, rentes secke, rentes charge, fees, annuities, profittes & offices: and also leases for terme of lyfe, lyues, & yeres, wherupon ỹ accustomed rente, or more, is reserued, as they, or any of them lawfullye had, percepued, and enioyed, in, oute, or of any the sayde Promotions, or out of any of the sayde landes, tenementes, or hereditamẽtes, before the first daye of this present Parliament.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that all & euery person, & persones, beynge in lyke, which haue, or hath for any summe of money to hym, or them payed, bargayned or solde, any Mannours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes aforesayde, wherunto the kyng our souereigne lord is intituled by vertue of this Acte, shall repaye to such person, as so bought anye of the sayde Mannours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or to hys Executours, or assignes, vpõ a requeste therfore made, or within thre monethes then next ensuyng thesame requeste, asmuche money, as he, or they receyued for the sale of the thynge, so by hym or theim solde. And for none payment therof, such person and persones as purchased, or bought the sayd landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or anye percell therof, and their Executours, and Administratours, shalbe enabled by the auctheritie of this present Parliament, to sue, and maintcygne an action of Debte, at the cõmon lawes of this Realme, agaynst such persone, or persones, as so bargayned or solde to hym, or them, or to their Testator any of the premisses belongyng to any College, Chaũtry Frechappel, or other promotion spiritual, in which actiõ of Debte, none essoyne, protection or wager of law shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that all and euery of the sayd Chauntries, Colleges, & Frechappelles, & other ỹ premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng by this Acte, and al the Manlion, Houses, Mãnours, landes, tenemẽtes, possessions, & hereditamẽtes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, geuen, limited, & appoynted to the kynge by this Acte, and euery parte and percel of them, which, by auctheritie & vertue of this Acte, bene vested, adiudged, and deemed,

demed, or shalbe in the kynges Maiesties possession & hãdes, or whiche the kyng shalbe entituled vnto, by vertue of this acte, shalbe in ỹ order Surueay & gouernaunce, of our souereigne lord the kynges Courte of the Augmentatiõs and reuenues of his croune, or in such other Courte, as the kynge at any tyme hereafter shall assigne, name, or appoynte, & so shal, & may be graunted, letten and set to farme by the Chauncellour, officers, & ministers of thesame Courte, or of any other Courte so to be appoynted, in such maner and forme, as other Mannours, landes, tenementes, appoynted to thesame Courte of Augmentations, and reuenues of hys graces croune, or other Courte so to be appoynted, bene to be graunted or letten: And that all the Farmes, Pfiues, Reuenues and profyttes, cõmyng and growyng of thesame premisses, & of euery parte therof, shalbe taken & receyued to the kynges vse, by the officers, & ministers of thesame Courte, or Courtes, in suche maner & fourme, as is vsed & had of other Mannours, landes, and tenemẽtes, & of the pfiues, reuenues & profittes of thesame, committed to the order, rule, surueay, & gouernaunce of the sayd Courte of the Augmentatiõs and reuenues of the kynges croune, or any other Courte so to be appoynted: anye Acte, Statute, ordinaunce, custome, or vse, heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And it is further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any of the sayd Masters, Wardẽs, ministers, rulers, gouernours, Priestes, incũbentes, or owners of any such College, Chaũtrye, Frechappel, or of any the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng, by this Acte, or of any of them, sythens the .xxiii. day of Nouẽber, in the .xxviij. yere of the reigne of the said late kyng, haue made any lease, vnder hys, or their common Seale, or otherwyse, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyfes, of theyr sayd Colleges, Chauntrys, Frechappels, or of other thesame premisses, or of any parte therof, or of any Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, to them, or to any of them vnited, or annexed, belonging, or apperteigning, vpon the whiche leasses, the vsuall & olde rentes & farmes, accustomed to be yelden & reserued, or more, by the space of .xx. yeres next before the sayd .xviij. daye of Nouembre not reserued & yelden, shalbe vtterly voyde, & of none effecte: And that all other leases, & grauntes, heretofore made of anye the premisses, geuen, limited, or appointed to the king, by this Acte, shalbe as good, auaileable, & effectuall in the law, to all ententes, constructiõs and purposes, as if this Acte had neuer bene had or made, anything in thys Acte, or any other Acte heretofore had or made, to the cõtrary therof in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it further ordeyned & enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, which the sayd Masters, Wardeyns, ministers, Chaũtrye

Prieſtes, incumbentes, or other the ſayd gouernours, officers, miniſters or rulers of the premiſſes, or of any of them, hath, or is, or hereafter ſhal haue, or be poſſeſſed, or ſeaſed of in Fee ſymple, Fee tayle general or ſpecial, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or otherwyſe, to his, or theyr awne proper vſes, by inheritaunce, or purchaſe: And not beynge at any tyme vnited, or annexed, to his, or theyr ſayd Colleges, Frechappels, Chauntryes, or other the premiſſes, geuen, lymited, or appoynted to the kynge by this Acte: Nor ſhall extende to any Mannours, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, rentes, annuities, or yerely pention, or pentiõs, or to any yerely ſumme, or ſummes of money, beyng not vnited, or perteyll of any the ſayd Colleges, and other the premiſſes aforeſayd, or of any of theim, heretofore geuen, or graunted by the ſayd late kyng, or geuen, or graũted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kyng our ſouereigne lord, to any of the ſayd Deanes, Maſters, Wardeyns, Miniſters, Chaũtrye prieſtes, incũbentes, gouernours, or rulers of the premiſſes, or of any of them, for terme of lyfe onely, vnder his great Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentations, & reuenues of the kynges croune, or any other of the kinges Seales, of any of his Courtes: any thyng conteyned in this Acte, to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandynge.

Prouided alwaye, & be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſayde, that aſwell all, & euery Patrone, Donour, Foundor & geuer of any of the ſayd promotions, or premiſſes, or geuer, Donor, or Feoffor, of any their landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, or other hereditamẽtes, as all, & euery perſone and perſones, bodyes politique & corporate, which before the makyng of this Acte, lawfully, without fraude, or coyn, had, or enioyed, any maner of rente, or other yerely profittes, to be taken, perceyued or had, of any Chauntryes, Colleges, Frechappels, or other the premiſſes, geuẽ, limited, or appoynted, to the kyng by this Acte, or out of any Mãnours, landes, tenementes, or other poſſeſſions of them, or any of theim, ſhall haue & enioye theſame, in lyke manner & fourme, as they ſhould, & ought to haue done, if the ſayd Colleges, Chaũtryes, Frechappelles, & other the premiſſes, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge by thys Acte, had ſtil remayned & continued in eſſe, & full beyng: any thynge in thys Acte mencioned, to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that if any ſuche gouernour, ruler, Wardeyn, Maſter, Incumbente, Miniſter, or other, haynge any of the ſayde ſpirituall Promotions, or Incũbentes, haue, or ſhal cõpounde, for the fyrſt fruictes of any ſuche Spirituall promotions, accordyng to the lawes, & Statutes of this realme and the dayes of payment, of anye parte thereof, not erpyred before the fyrſt day of this Parliament, that all ſummes of money ſo to be due & payable, ſithens the ſayd fyrſt day of this Parliament, ſhall ceaſe, and be not payed, aſked, or demaunded: any bonde, recogniſaunce, ſuertie, or

other

other thynge, had or made, to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all suche Rentes, Seruices, Issues, Profytes, and other Summes of money, payable, out, of, or for any of the premisses, or any of theim, in the Kinges courte of his Exchequer, shall continue, and be continuallye and yerelye leuyed, charged, or payed, in thesame Courte, in suche manner and fourme, as heretofore hath bene vsed: anye lawe, Custome, vnitie of possession in the Kynges highnes, or other thynge to the contrary notwithstanding: And as though the sayd promotiōs, Mannours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses had not come to the Kynges handes or possession.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery letters patentes, made by the sayde late Kynge Henry the eyght, or by the Kynges Maiestie that now is, or hereafter to be made by hys hyghnes to anye person or persones, or to anye Archebyshoppe, or Byshoppe, of any of the sayde Colleges, Chauntryes, Freechappels, or other the premisses, or any parte or percell of theim, or of any Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, belongynge, or apperteynynge, or that dyd belong, or apperteigne to them, or to any of thē: And al Fynes, Giftes, Grauntes, Feoffementes, Recoueries, & all other assuraunces, and conueighaunces therof had, or made, by the assente, consente, or licence, vnder the great Seale of Englande, of the sayde late Kynge Henry the eyght, or of the Kynges Maiestie that now is, to any person, or persones, bodyes politique or corporate, by any Chauntrye Priest, Master, Wardeyn, Minister, ruler, gouernour, or other, hauyng any of the sayd Promotions, of any of the sayd Colleges, Chauntryes, Frechappels, or other the premisses, or of any of them, or of any parte, percell, or membre of thesame, shall stande and be in their forces, and effectes, and shalbe good and effectuall in the law, for suche estates and interestes, geuē, graūted, limited, or appoynted, in any of the giftes, graūtes, assuraunces, or conueyghaunces therof had, or made, accordyng to theyr purportes, fourme & matter, and accordyng to the true intēt and meanyng of thesame assuraūces, and shalbe by aucthoritie of this Acte good, perfect, and auayleable, aswell agaynst the Kyng, hys heyres, and Successours, as agaynst the sayde Chauntrye Priestes, Wardeyns, Masters, Rulers, Gouernours, and other hauing any of the sayd Promotions, and theyr Successours, and the Successours of euery of thē: as also agaynst the Foundors, Donors, and Patrones of thesame, & the ordinarye of thē, and euery of them, and the heyres, & Successours of euery of them: any law, statute, ordinaunce, or other thyng, to the cōtrary therof notwithstandyng.

And where dyuers and sundrye Byshoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treasaurours, Prebēdaryes, Chauntrie priestes, Masters, Prouostes, rulers, Gouernours of any Deaneryes, Archedeaneryes, Trea-

saurourshypppes, Prebendes, Frechappels, Chaunterpes, or Colleges, within this Realme of England, & other the Kynges Maiesties dominions, or any of the patrones, Foũdors, donors of any of the Bishoprypches, Treasaurourshippes, Deaneries, Chautrpes, Frechappels, or other the sayd Spiritual promotiõs, of their volũtarie willes, or myndes, for diuers good & reasonable causes & consideratiõs, by dede or dedes entolled, or by other writinges, or conueyghaũces, haue heretofore geuen & graunted to the late kyng of famous memory, Henry the, viii. late kyng of Englande, & to his heyres, or to oure souereigne lorde the kyng that now is, & to his heyres, diuers of their Deaneries, Archedeaneries, Treasaurourshippes, Prebẽdes, Chappels, Chauntrpes, & Colleges, or any other Ecclesiastical or Spiritual promotiõs, laste before remembred: And all, or some parte of the Mannours, lãdes, tenemẽtes, tithes, pentiõs, annuities, tẽtes, reuertions, & other reuenues, hereditamentes, possessiõs, emolumentes & profittes, to thesame Bishoprypches, Deaneries, Archedeacontpes, Treasaurourshippes, Prebẽdes, Chappels, Chaũtrpes, Colleges, and other lyke promotions, benefices, offices, and dignities, or to any of them, belongynge, appertaynynge, vnited, or annexed, or whiche the sayde Bishoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons Treasaurours, Chaũtrye Priestes, Masters, Prouostes, Rulers, Gouernours, and other ecclesiasticall or spirituall officers, or ministers, or anye of the sayde Patrones, donors, or foundors, or anye of theim, had or enioyed in the righte, or by reason of any of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery giftes and grauntes, heretofore made to the sayde late kynge, and to hys heyres, or to oure souereygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and to hys heyres, by anye Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Treasaurour, Prebendarie, Master, Prouoste, Gouernoure, or other the sayde ecclesiasticall or spirituall person, or persones, or by any patrones, donor, or foundor of any of the sayde Deaneries, Chauntrpes, or other of the sayde spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, or of all, or any of the Mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, rentes, reuertions, pentions, portions, annuities, or other hereditamentes, Reuenues, emolumentes, profites, or commodities, to any of the sayde benefices, offices, prebendes, promotions, or dignities belonginge, appertaynynge, vnited or annexed, or whiche anye of thesame Archebishoppes, Bishoppes, Deanes, Archedeacõs, Treasaurours, Masters, Prouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, officers, or ministers, patrones, foũdors, or donors, had, or enioyed, or haue, or enioye, or ought to haue, or enioye, in the righte, or by reason or meanes of anye of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, to all ententes and purposes: Saunge to all and euery person, and persons, and bodyes politique and corporate, their heyres, Successours,

ceſſours, and aſſignes, and to the heyres, Succeſſours, and aſſignes of euery of them, other then the Archebiſhoppes, Biſhoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treaſaurours, Prebēdaries, Rulers, Gouernours, Wardeyns, Prouoſtes, Geuours, and graūtors of any of the Premiſſes, and their heyres, Succeſſours, and aſſignes, and other then ſuche eccleſiaſticall or ſpirituall perſones, bodyes politique or corporate, as are, or pretende to be foundors, donors, patrones, or ordinaries of the premiſſes, or anye of them, all ſuche rightes, titles, intereſtes, claimes, entrees, rentes, reuertions, remaynders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenemētes, hereditamentes, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, as they or anye of theim haue, or ſhoulde, or oughte to haue had, of, in, or to the premiſſes nexte aboue mencioned, or anye parte thereof, as if thys acte had neuer bene had, or made: anye thynge in thys acte, to the contrarye in anye wyſe notwithſtandynge.

Prouided alwayes, that thys Acte, or any thynge therein conteyned, ſhall not in anye wyſe extende, to make good or effectuall, anye gyfte, graunte, bargayne, ſale or alienation, made by anye Perſon, or Vicare, of their perſonages, or vicarages, or of anye parte or percell thereof, or of anye thynge, to theim, or anye of theim belonginge or appertaynynge.

Prouided alſo, that thys Acte, or anye thynge therein conteyned, ſhall not in anye wiſe extende, to hynder or preiudice George Brooke Knyghte, Lorde Cobham, hys heyres, or aſſignes, for, or concernynge the late College of Cobham, in the Countie of Kente, or the Mannors, landes, tenementes, or poſſeſſions thereof: Anye thynge aboue mencioned to the contrarye, in any wyſe notwithſtandynge.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that thys preſent Acte, or any thynge therein conteyned, ſhall in anye wyſe extende, or be preiudiciall, or hurtefull to the generall corporation of anye Citie, Borrough, or Toune, within thys Realme, or anye other the Kynges Dominions, ne ſhall extende to anye the landes or hereditamentes of them, or any of them: anye thynge herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all ſuche of the ſayde Colleges, Freechappelles, Chauntryes, and other the premiſſes, beynge appoynted and geuen to the Kynges highnes, by the auctoritie of this acte, as be within the Duchie of Lancaſter, and all Mannors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, perteinynge, or belongynge to theſame Colleges, Freechappelles, and chaūtryes, ſhall, after the ſayde feaſt of Eaſter nexte commynge, be within the ſuruaye and order of the Courte of the Duchie of Lancaſter, in ſuche maner and fourme, as other the premiſſes be aſſigned or appointed by auctoritie of thys Acte, to be in the ſuruey and order of the Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of the Kynges Croune, or other

or other Courte, by the kynge to be assigned: And that all commissions, that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue and force of thys Acte, concernynge suche Colleges, Frechappelles, Chauntryes, and other the premisses, as be within the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe awarded vnder the great seale of Englande, and shalbe certified into thesame Courte of the duchie of Lancaster: any thynge abouesayde, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that thys Acte ne any thynge therein conteyned, shall extende to the College, or Chauntrye of Attilbourghe, in the Countie of Norfolke, whiche the sayde late kynge Henry the eighte, gaue to Robarte, late Earle of Sussex, and to hys heyres: But that Henry, now Earle of Sussex, sonne and heyre to the sayde late Earle, hys heyres and assignes, shall, and maye, by the auctoritie of thys Acte, haue and enioye the sayde College, and Chauntrye, and all Mannours, landes, tenementes, aduoulions, tithes, pentions, portions, & other hereditamentes thereunto belonginge, or appertenynge: Any thynge in thys Acte, to ỹ contrary in any wise notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwaye, and by the auctoritie aforesayde be it enacted, that the kynges Maiestie, at any tyme, when it shal seme to hym good, maye geue auctoritie to certayne hys graces Commissioners, to alter the nature and conditiõ of all maner of Obites, aswell within the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxfourde, as in any other place, within thys hys graces Realme of Englande, and Wales, beynge not suppressed ne annihilate by vertue of thys present Acte, and thesame obites so altered to dispose to a better vse: as to ỹ relief of some poore mẽ beynge studentes, or otherwise.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall not be lefull to any person, or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, by reason of anye Remaynder, vse, or condition, to enter into, clayme, or chalenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the none doynge, not naminge, or none findynge of anye suche Priest, or Priestes, or poore folkes, as is aforesayde, Obite, Anniuersarie, lighte, or lampe, from henceforth to be founden or done: any thyng herein conteyned, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwayes, that thys acte, nor anye thynge therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer, that any Maister, Deane, Prebendarye, Wardeyn, or Chauntrye, or any stipendarye Priest of anye College, Chauntrye Prebende, Fraternitie, Guilde, or anye other corporatiõs, haue, or holde, of any person, or persons, by copie of Courte Rolle, or at will, accordynge to the custome of anye Manor, or Manors: nor geue or graunte anye copyholde landes, to the kynges hyghnes.

And also prouided, that the kynges highnes, hys heyres, or Successours,

ceſſours, ſhall not in any wyſe haue, holde, enioye, or take by vertue of thys acte, or any article therein conteyned, anye manner of copyholde landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, or hereditamentes whatſoeuer they be: But that all, and euery of the ſayde perſons, and incumbentes, ſhall haue, holde, and enioye theſame, durynge their lifes, towardes their pention and yerely lyuynge: paynge the rentes, and doynge their cuſtomes and ſeruices, therof due and accuſtomed, anye thynge in thys acte, to the contrary notwithſtandynge.

Prouided, that thys acte ſhall not extende to anye landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, aſſigned, appoynted, or intended for the fyndynge, or maynteynaunce of anye Chaunterye prieſte, or ſtipendarie Prieſt, whyche by any former righte, and good title, without fraude or couyn, were lawfully recouered from the poſſeſſion of any ſuch Chauntrye prieſte, or ſtipendarie prieſte, before the firſte daye of October, the ſayde. xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the ſayde late kynge Henry the. viii: whyche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, were not charged, nor chargeable to the paymente of the perpetuall Tenthe: Any thynge in thys acte, to the contrary hereof notwithſtandynge.

Prouided allwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore-ſayde, that all and ſinguler grauntes, licences, Confirmations, and letters patentes, whyche oure late ſouereygne lorde kynge Henry the eyghte, or our ſouereygne lorde the kynge that now is, haue made vnder the great ſeale of Englande to any perſon, or perſons, bodyes politique or corporate, of anye College, Chapelle, or Chauntrye, nowe beynge in eſſe, or ſtandynge, or nowe not beynge in eſſe, or not ſtandynge, or of anye Lordeſhippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge or appertaynynge to anye College, Chapelle, or Chauntrye, nowe beynge in eſſe, or ſtandynge, or now not beynge in eſſe, or not ſtandynge, or of any other thynge, or thynges, mencioned, or expreſſed in thys acte: And all and euery matter and thynge mencioned, expreſſed or conteyned in any ſuche graunte, licence, confirmation, or letters patentes, ſhall from henſfurth, be demed, taken, expounded, and adiudged good and effectuall in the lawe, accordynge to the woordes, ſentences, meanynges, ententes, forme and effectes of theſame grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as if thys acte and the ſayde acte made in the ſayde. xxxvii. yere of the ſayde late kynge Henry the. viii, had neuer bene had nor made. And that thys acte, or the ſayde acte made in the ſayde. xxxvii. yere of the reygne of our ſayde late ſouereygne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. or any clauſe, article, ſentence, or other thynge therein conteyned, ſhall not extende to any Colleges, Chappelles, Chauntryes, or other thynge or thynges, mencioned in thys acte, nowe beynge in eſſe, or ſtandynge, or now not beynge in eſſe, or not ſtandyng, or to any Mannors, landes, tenementes,

nementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge or appertaynynge to any College, Chappell, Chauntrye, or other thynge mencioned in thys acte, now beynge in esse, or standing or now not beynge in esse, or not standynge, or to anye other thynge, or thynges, mencioned or expressed in thys acte: whiche any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, haue had, or obteyned by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes, of the sayd late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is: Nor shall extende to anye Mannors, landes, tenemētes, reuenues, possessions, hereditamentes, or other thynge or thynges, mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any such licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes: But that euery suche person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heyres and Successours, and assignes, and the heires, Successours, and assignes of euery of theim, shall haue, holde, and enioye, all and euery the same Colleges, Chappelles, Chauntryes, Mannors, landes, tenementes, reuenues, possessions, and hereditamentes, and all and euerye other thynge and thynges whatsoeuer, so by theim had or obteyned, by the assente licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes of the sayde late kynge, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is, accordynge to the woordes, sentences, forme, effecte, meanynge and intente of thesame licences, confirmations, grauntes, and letters patentes: thys Acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde .xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, or anye clause, Article, sentence, matter, or thynge, mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any of thesame Actes, to the contrarye thereof in anye wyse notwithstandynge.

God saue the Kyng.

EXCVSVM LONDINI,
IN AEDIBVS RICHARDI
GRAFTONI, TYPO-
GRAPHI REGII.

Anno salutis humanæ.
M. D. XLVIII.

Cum Priuilegio ad Im-
primendum solum.

AN ACTE CONCERNING THE KINGES MOOST GRATIOVS GENERALL PARDON.

The kynges moost royall Maiestie, right well perceauynge hys louyng subiectes, by many & sundry waies and meanes, to haue borne and sustened the great aduentures, charges and busynes of warres, and defences of this hys Realme, aswell in the tyme of hys moost dere father kynge Henry the VIII, as in hys tyme & reigne, entendyng of his clemency and pitie, to gratifie his sayd subiectes, with hys gratious fre and liberall Pardon, accordyng to his kingly power, trustyng assuredly, that hys sayd subiectes will contynue his louyng & assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in suche sorte obeye hys highnes lawes and statutes, as to them, and euery of them, of righte apperteigneth: is fully and resolutely contēted and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, in maner & forme folowing, that is to saye, that all and euery of his sayd subiectes, aswell spirituall as temporall, of this his Realme of Englād, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley and Garneley, Barwyck, Caleys, Guysnes, Hamnes, Bolleyn & Bollonoys, & the marches of thesame, the heires successors, executors & administrators of thē, and euery of theim, and all & singuler bodyes, in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Borroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapētakes, Townes, Villages and Typthynges, and euery of thē, and the Successor, & Successors of euery of them, shalbe, by the auctoritie of this present Parliamente, acquyted, pardoned, released and discharged agaynste the kynges highnes, hys heyres, successors, and executors, and euery of them, of al maner of treasons, heresyes, felonyes, robberyes, offences, cōtemptes, trespasses, wrōges, deceiptes, misdemeanours, forfaictures, penalties, & profites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and al other thynges, causes, querelles, sutes, iudgementes and executions, which maye be, or can be, by hys highnes in any wyse, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the .xxv. day of December, in the yere of our lord God a. M. CCCCC. xlvij: Other then suche as hereafter in thys acte be excepted or forprised, in suche maner and forme, & vnto such tymes as they be excepted or forprised in thys acte: and other then suche as the clauses of prouiso, hereafter mencioned, doeth extend vnto. And also the kynges highnes, is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that this his sayde fre Pardō, shalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his said subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of them, by the sayd general wordes before rehersed, in all thinges, which

be not hereafter in thys preſent Acte, excepted or forpriſed, as theſame Pardon ſhould haue bene, if all offences, cõtemptes, forfaictures, cauſes, matters, ſutes, querelles, iudgemẽtes, executions, penalties, and all other thynges not hereafter excepted, nor cõteyned in any clauſe of prouiſo hereafter mencioned, had bene particularly, ſingulerly, ſpecially, & plainly named, reherſed and ſpecified, and alſo pardoned by proper and expreſſe wordes and names, in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requiſite, to haue bene put in, and expreſſed in thys preſent Acte of free Pardon: and that his ſayd ſubiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executors, or adminiſtrators of any of them nor any of the ſayd bodyes corporate, nor any other perſones, bodyes pollitique or corporate before named, or any of thẽ be, nor ſhalbe ſued, vexed or inquyeted in their bodies, gooddes, lãdes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cauſe, cõtempt, miſdemeanor, forfaicture, treſpaſſe, offẽce or any other thyng ſuffred, done or committed agaynſt his highnes, his croune, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or ſtatutes, but onely for ſuche matters, cauſes and offences, as be reherſed in the exceptiõs and clauſes of prouiſo, in this preſent acte hereafter mencioned, in ſuche maner and forme, as in theſame excepcions and clauſes of prouiſo be mencioned, & for none other: any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſes, or preſidẽt heretofore had, made or vſed, to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandynge.

Alſo the kynges highnes, of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctho-rite of this preſent Parliament, graunteth and freely geueth, to euery of hys ſayd ſubiectes, and to euery of the ſayde bodyes corporate & other before reherſed, and to euery of them, all ſuche gooddes, cattalles, debtes, fynes, iſſues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and ſummes of money, by any of them forfeyted, which to his highnes do, or ſhould belong or apperteign, by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpaſſe, miſdemeanor, matter, cauſe or querel, ſuffered, done or cõmitted by thẽ, or any of thẽ, which be not hereafter forprized, or excepted in this preſent Acte: and that all and euery the kynges ſayd ſubiectes, & all & ſynguler bodyes corporate, and other before reherſed, maye by hym or them ſelfe, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by his or their attorney, or attorneys, accordyng to the lawes of thys Realme, pleade and miniſter thys preſent Acte of free Pardon, for his or their diſcharge, or, and for euery thyng, that is by vertue of this preſent Acte pardoned, diſcharged, geuẽ or graũted, wout any fee or other thyng, in any wiſe paiyng to any perſon, or perſons, for writyng or entry of the iudgement, or other cauſe cõcernyng ſuche plea, writyng or entrie, but onely .xii.d., to be payde to the officier or clerke, that ſhall entre the plea, matter or iudgemente, for the diſcharge of any the partie ſo pleadynge theſame: any ſtatute or vſe, to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandynge.

And furthermore, the kynges highnes is contented and pleaſed, that it be

it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, that his sayd free Pardon, by the general wordes before rehersed, shalbe reputed, demed and adiudged, allowed and taken, in all maner of courtes, and els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of excepcions & foreprises specified in thys present acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, woordes and sentences, mencioned & rehersed in this his sayd fre Pardon, moost beneficially and auayleably, to all and singuler his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of theim, in all thinges ambiguous or doubtefull, and moste strongely in Barre, and discharge agaynst his highnes his heyres, successors, and executors in euery thing, without any obstacle, chalenge or other delaye, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleded, obiected, or alledged by the kyng our souereygne lord, his heires, successors, or executors, or by his, or any of their generall attorney, or attorneys, or by anye person, or persons, for hys highnes, or any of hys heyres, successors, or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kynge our souereigne lorde, by aucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, ẏ if any officier or clerke, of any of hys highnes courtes, cōmonly called the kynges Bēche, Chauncery and Commō place, or of his Exchequer, or anye other officier or clerke of any other Court, within this Realme or in Wales, or other the kynges dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme, after the .xx. daye of January next commyng, which shalbe in the yere of oure lord God, a. M. CCCCC xlvij, make out, or write out any maner writtes, or other processe, or any extractes, sommons or other preceptes, whereby anye of the sayd subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate or other before rehersed, or any of thē, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreyned, sommoned, or otherwise vexed, inquyeted or greued in his or their bodyes, landes, tenemētes, gooddes, or cattalles, or in any of thē, for, or because of any maner of thynge pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of fre pardon, he so offēding, & therof lefully cōdēpned, shal yeilde & pay for the recompense therof, to the partie so greued or offended, treble dāmages, to be accompted, as percell of the dammages and costes of the sute: and neuerthelesse, all and singuler suche writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpon any maner thynge pardoned, or discharged by this present acte of fre Pardon, shalbe vtterly voide, & of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forprised out of this generall and fre Pardon, all and all maner of high treasons, petit treason, and misprision of treason, done, committed, or perpetrated, in any of the partes beyonde the sea, and all and al maner of treason, done, or committed in any other place, by anye person, or persones, by anye ouert dede, whereby any bodely hurt or harme shal come, or be done to the kynges onely person, and all sutes, punyshementes, executions, forfayctures and penalties for, or by reason or occasiō of any of thesame treasons, before excepted.

And excepted all prepensed and voluntary murders, and also except all titles of actions, of quare impedit, all rauishmentes, and withholding of the kynges wardes, and wardes landes, and the profites of thesame, at any tyme growen to the kinges handes, or to any of his noble progenitors, and not yet discharged, al wastes of the kynges wooddes, aswel in parkes, forestes, chases, & els where: & al summes of money graunted or promised to be payed, by waye or meane of beneuolence, or contributiō not payed and contēted: and all and singuler debtes, other then debtes growen vpon recognisaunces, beyng already forfaicted, for suerty of ỹ peace, good abearyng, or for none apparaūce at any daye or place. And excepted and forprised out of this Pardon, al maner of accomptes, and all accions, sutes and impeticions for thesame, and all arrerages of accomptes and debtes, due for thesame. And also, excepted all homages, lyuereys & reliefes, rentes, seruices and arrerages of thesame, not done or not paied. And also excepted al debtes, which were due to the kynges highnes, or to the sayd late kynge of famous memory, kynge Henry the viij. or to the late kyng Henry the, viij. or to any person, or persons, to ỹ vse of the kyng our souereygne lord, or of his sayd father, or kyng Hēry the. viij, by any condempnacion, recognisaunce, obligaciō, or otherwise. And also, excepted al and singuler forfaictures, beynge due to our souereigne lorde the kyng, or to the sayd late kyng, by any penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendor, and al forfaictures, and other penalties, & profites, growen, or due by reason of any offence, or acte, committed, or done, contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cōmon lawe wherof any seasure is made, or any informacion is geuen in the kinges Exchequer, or any sute there commenced, and now dependyng, and not yet determined: Or wherof the kynges highnes, or hys sayde father, by byl assigned, or otherwise, haue made any gift or assignemēt, to any of ỹ seruauntes, of our sayde souereygne lord the kyng, or of his sayd father or to any other person, or persons.

Also, except and forprised out of this fre Pardon, al and all maner of forgyng, counterfeyting, washing and clippynge of whatsoeuer money or coyne, currant in this realme, and the bringinge into this realme, of any false or counterfeyt money or coyne, made, forged or coūterfeyt out of this realme, and the vttering of any such false, or counterfeyt money or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated sithen the. xxvii. day of January last past, and all and all maner of offences, impetitions, punishmentes, forfeytures, peynes of death, iudgementes & execution for thesame. And also, except and forprised out of thys fre Pardon, all and singuler fynes to be had, made or payed, by reason or meane of any alienacion, had or made of any mānours, lādes, tenemētes, or other hereditamētes without licence, sithen the sayd. xxvii. daye of January. Also, except and forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and all maner of Manslaughters,

Burgularies,

Burgularies, Robberies of any person or persõs, in any house, or nere any hygh waye, and wilfull burnynge of houses, and wilfull burnynge of Barnes, in which Barnes any corne was, at ỹ tyme of such burning: and all maner of rauyshmentes of any woman, against her wil, all felonious takyng of any money or gooddes, out of any Churche or Chappell, all and all maner of felonyous takyng of any Horse, Geldynge, or Mare, and all maner of Pyracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed, or perpetrated, sithen the first day of August last past: And all maner of punishmentes, impeticions, forfaictures, peynes of death, iudgemẽtes, and executions for thesame. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardon all and all maner of intrusions, had, made or done, sithẽ ỹ sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except & forprised out of this fre Pardon, all & all maner of deceiptes and offences, of all and singuler Moneyers, and other officiers, ministers and workemen, of, or in any of the Myntes, within this Realme, and all impeticions and punishmentes for thesame. And except & forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and al maner of decaying of any messuage, cotage or house, and the conuertyng of landes from tyllage vnto pasture, cõtrary to any statute heretofore had or made. And except and forprised the issues, reuenues & profittes of al and singuler suche messuages, cotages, houses, and landes, comming, arising or growing, sithen the sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardõ, all and singuler collectors, and collector of any subsidy, fiftene, beneuolence or cõtribucion, and other persons whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaũt, and the heyres, executors and administrators of euery of them, of, for, & concernyng all maner of debtes, accomptes & arretages of accomptes, and all maner of concelementes of customes and subsidyes, and al maner of impeticions, and sutes for thesame. And except and forprised out of thys fre Pardon, all and singuler persons and person, beynge the seconde daye of Decẽber, in the yere of our lord God. M.CCCCC.xlvii. prisoners, or prisoner, in the Toure of Londõ, and all and singuler persons and person, which at any time, before thesame second day of Decẽber, did flye out of this Realme, into ỹ parties beyõd the sea, for any treason or misprision of treason. And excepte and forprised oute of thys free Pardon, all issues, fynes & amerciamentes afferred, taxed, set, extracted, or entred seuerally, or particularly, extẽding to the summe of. C. shillinges, or aboue. And that all, and singuler other fynes, aswell fynes pro licentia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamẽtes, aswel real as other, which seuerally or particularly extẽde not to thesame summe of. C. s̃, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shirief, or not taken to hys charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether they be turned into debt, or not into debt and not beyng leuied nor receaued by anye Shyrief, or Shyrieles, Baylike, myniſters, or other officiers, shalbe fully, clerely, & plainly pardoned, and discharged

agaynſt the kynge oure ſouereigne lorde, hys heyres and ſucceſſors, for euer, by thys preſent acte of fre Pardon.

And be it further enacted by ỹ auctoritie afore ſayd, that in caſe it be obiected, to, or agaynſt any Shirief, or Shirietes, or other accõptaũtes in the kynges courte of Exchequer, or in anye other hys courtes, that any Shirief, or Shirietes, or other officiers accomptaũt, haue receaued or taken any ſuch fynes, iſſues or amerciamẽtes, by this preſent acte pardoned & acquyted: that then euery ſuch Shirief & Shirietes, & other accomptaũtes ſhalbe diſcharged, releaſed, pardoned & acquited thereof by his or their othe, without any further tryal in that behaulfe.

Prouided alwaye, that this preſent acte of fre Pardõ, nor any thyng therin conteyned, in any wiſe extende to diſcharge, remit, or acquite any perſon or perſons, for any ſuche iſſues, fynes or amerciamentes of one hundreth ſhillinges, or vnder, as any Shirief heretofore haue accompted before the Barons of the kynges Exchequer, or els where, & payed theſame Iſſues, fynes, and amerciamentes, vpon hys, or their ſayde accompt, determyned to the kynges vſe, and hathe hys or their Quietus eſt, for theſame,

Prouided allwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery perſon and perſons, which haue tẽded, or ought to ſue lyuery out of the kynges hãdes, of any Mãnours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamẽtes whatſoeuer they be, ſhal ſue his or their liuery and liueryes, out of the kinges hãdes, of his or their Mãnours, landes, tenementes and hereditamẽtes: any article, acte or actes thyng or thynges, in this preſent acte of general and fre Pardon, compriſed and ſpecified, to the contrary notwithſtandynge.

Prouyded allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore ſayd, that it ſhalbe lefull, to all and euery clerke, and other officier of any of the kynges courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlagatum, at the ſuyte of the partie pleyntife, to the entent to compel the defendaunt and defendauntes, to make anſwere to the pleyntyfe, at whoſe ſuyte he was outlawed. And that euery perſon, now beyng outlawed, ſhall ſue a writte of Scire facias, againſt the partie, or parties, at whoſe ſute he was outlawed, before this Pardõ in that behaulfe, ſhalbe allowed to hym, that ſo is outlawed,

God ſaue the Kyng.

Excuſum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftom Regij Impreſſoris.

Cum Priuilegio ad Imprimendum ſolum.

Anno domini. M.D.XLVIII.